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S'HA1 BRITONS PREPARE FOR CRISIS

Palestine Issue To Be Raised

London, January 18.
Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons, today demanded that the Government explain immediately its handling of the Palestine crisis.

Mr. Churchill informed Commons officials of his desires and said the request will be submitted formally as soon as Parliament reconvenes this afternoon after the Christmas holidays.

The Opposition leader arranged to raise the Palestine issue in a private notice question that apparently would require the Government to make some kind of statement today.

The Liberal Party leader, Mr. Clement Davies, vied with Mr. Churchill's Conservatives in attack on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on the Palestine issue.

Mr. Davies asked Mr. Bevin to give an assurance that no more British military units will be sent to Akaba, in Transjordan, and that those already there will not be ordered to engage in military operations.

British reinforcements were hurried to Akaba, Red Sea port in Transjordan, as tension in the Holy Land mounted steadily during the last month. After five over the Israeli-Egyptian battlefront on January 17, the troop movement was disclosed.

Requires Answer

Mr. Davies' question, like that of Mr. Churchill, was submitted in such a form as to require almost an immediate answer. Mr. Bevin, however, is expected to try to dodge the issue today as a caucus of his party is planned for tomorrow and he wanted to talk things over with his Labourites before he tangled with the Opposition.

Parliamentary circles also felt that Mr. Bevin might try to avoid a general debate on grounds that it would endanger the delicate Israel-Egyptian armistice negotiations that have begun in Rhodes.

Mr. Davies sent a copy of his question to Mr. Bevin before Parliament convened. He asked: "Why had British armed forces been sent to Transjordan, Egypt or Palestine areas into which under the decision of the Security Council of May 29, 1948, no armed forces were to be sent; whether prior consent of the Security Council had been obtained; whether Mr. Bevin will give an assurance that British armed forces will not be ordered to engage in military operations in this area and that no further armed forces will be sent to this area."

Many other matters of far-reaching importance have been tabled for discussion today including the steel bill, the future of Eire and Northern Ireland now that Eire is a republic as well as many new legislative measures.

The debate on Ireland will afford the Opposition occasion for a further onslaught on the Labour government already embarrassed over the Palestine affair.

Led by Mr. Churchill the Conservatives will pitch into the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, for his handling of the whole Irish problem and Commonwealth affairs in general.

Trade Pact Quorios

The recent trade pacts that Britain had already concluded or is negotiating behind the Iron Curtain will also come under fire. Questions are also down for answering today on the breakdown in the negotiations with the Soviets and on the amount of steel rails, nuts and bolts and rubber Britain had already delivered to Russia under the previous pact.

MPs will also demand more details from the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, on the second Just Concluded with Poland.

These pacts are of particular interest to Canada and Argentina as the United Kingdom has now turned to sell currency countries in Europe to buy food which she previously took from food-producing areas in North and South America.

Another question awaiting Labour elucidation today is the exact amount of machinery Britain sent to Poland, claiming such machinery should have been supplied to British colonies which badly need equipment to assist the colonial development schemes.—United Press.

Godowns To Be Used As Concentration Centres GOVT WITHDRAWALS

Shanghai, January 18.

With the civil war rapidly approaching the Shanghai-Nanking area, British emergency planners today offered the 4,000-strong British Community here facilities for protection should the local situation deteriorate.

The circular to Britons offered means to effect a smooth and rapid concentration of British nationals and to provide for better protection of a limited quantity of personal effects, should the situation develop in such a way as to justify His Majesty's Consul-General advising British residents to concentrate.

Russia Not To Mediate In China War

Nanking, January 18.

Russia today refused to mediate in the Chinese civil war, blasting the Nationalist Government hope that foreign intervention might ease the terms of peace with the Communists.

The Russian reply was handed to the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Fao Ping-sheng, in Moscow yesterday by the Soviet Assistant Foreign Minister, according to foreign despatches.

The despatches said Russia based her refusal on the grounds that the Soviet Union adheres invariably to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other nations.

The Russian reply said it was considered inexpedient to undertake the mediation, and suggested the civil war be settled by direct negotiations between the two parties without foreign intervention.

The Nationalist Government asked the United States, Britain, France and Russia to help mediate a peace settlement with the Communist on January 8.

First To Answer

Russia was the first to answer. The French answer is expected soon. The United States and Britain also are expected to decline. The Russian answer appeared to dispel any last lingering hope which Nanking officials might have that foreign intervention might help soften the harsh peace conditions laid down by the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung.

There was no immediate comment in Washington on the Russian announcement she had declined to mediate China's civil war.

But it was reported the United States and Britain, and perhaps France, already had rejected the Chinese Government suggestion for help from the Big Four in terminating the civil war.

The U.S. and Britain informed Chiang Kai-shek's Government last Friday there was nothing they could do in the way of advice or counsel at the present stage. The Anglo-American notes were understood to have emphasized the attitude that the fate of China is in the hands of Chinese and action from the outside might cause resentment.—United Press and Associated Press.

Chiang Kai-shek "Will Survive"

Boston, January 18.

The Harvard Law School Dean emeritus, Roscoe Pound, predicts that the Chiang Kai-shek Government will survive.

Mr. Pound, who recently returned after two years in China, said: "I do not think that the present situation in China is any more serious than during the Japanese war, and the Government survived then."

"The Chinese capital may need to withdraw to Shanghai or Canton and even Kunning but after all, how can a president of a constitutional government abdicate the constitution? Chiang certainly could not constitutionally surrender the whole Government to anybody."

"If Chiang accepts the Communists' eight conditions, it will mean that every important public man in China will be killed or imprisoned, he said.

The hierarchy and the rank and file in the Kuomintang are internally sound and the only breakdown of morale, he said, is student strikes.

"They were not what you could honestly call serious because hundreds of children would follow the demonstrating students. Later, when I saw accounts of these student strikes they were exaggerated."

Mr. Pound is using the Harvard law library while he writes an exposition on a United Nations application of the Chinese legal code. He has finished three chapters and has no doubts that the Nationalist Government will be in existence to accept his finished work.—United Press.

Demand Drops

A canvas of local transportation companies today showed that the demand for passages to South China by ship and air has dropped by some 50 per cent as compared with last month.

In Nanking, the surrender of China's first 10 Nationalists to the Communist war criminals' list was reliably reported today to be the price being demanded by the Communists from the Nanking Government for a negotiated peace.

Secret contacts were said to have produced this prerequisite to negotiations based on the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung's broadcast peace terms.

The report was not officially confirmed.

Declaring that these facilities were mainly aimed at ensuring better comfort, the committee announced its readiness to accept in advance (on dates to be made public later) from each British resident for his or her own possible use in the concentration centre—which the circular reveals is in godowns with concrete floors.

1. Camp bed with a maximum of two blankets and a pillow.
2. Food parcel not exceeding 10 pounds in weight to supplement the plain fare which will be provided in the concentration centre.

Personal Effects

3. A suitcase, which would be available to owners after the first 24 hours (this is aside from the baggage which residents were already advised to carry when proceeding to the concentration centre).

In addition, the circular said, arrangements have been made for British nationals to store a limited quantity of personal effects during the present uncertain conditions, but made it clear that no responsibility for safety of such articles would be accepted by the committee.

Under this scheme, which was designed only to give a greater degree of security to valuable property than might otherwise be available, each British resident would be permitted to turn in for storage one large trunk, properly locked and labeled.

Despite the rapidly deteriorating military situation, there were no signs of renewal of the panic which seized Shanghai during the battle of Haichow last November. Observers attribute this to the fact that the majority of the panicky elements among the city's population have evacuated since that time.

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According to reports reaching Nanking some residents of Pengpu and Hwaiyuan were welcoming the Communist forces.—Reuter-AAP.

Although Communist patience was said to be reaching exhaustion point and the Kuomintang peace-makers now had majority in every important political organ of the Nationalist Government, observers were sceptical today about the possibility of Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet shortly being galvanised into taking some direct action.

A peace mission to Yenan has been suggested. Kuomintang leader tipped definitely in favour of peace yesterday during the Central Political Council debate, according to reliable informants.

At the supreme policy-making body in the land, the Council could order the Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, into action, but few observers thought it likely to be obeyed, even if such drastic decision was made when the Council meets again on Tuesday.

Lines Severed

All communications between Nanking and points more than 50 miles North were meanwhile, reported today to have been severed as Nationalist forces continued their preparations to fight a rear-guard action against the expected Communist drive to the Yangtze Valley.

Trains moving North on the Pukow-Pengpu line today terminated at Kwantien, about 54 miles North West of Nanking. They could not reach Mingkwang, about nine miles further North West, where railway workers had been evacuated.

Earlier reports said that bridges were being demolished and tracks torn up to deny the railway to Communist columns.

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Warning To Striking Taxi Drivers

The Labour Commissioner yesterday warned the Motor Drivers' Union that unless they reached an agreement with the taxi companies by 10 a.m. today, further negotiations would be broken off, and the companies would have right to employ new drivers.

Mr. Q.A.A. MacFayden sounded the warning at a meeting in the Labour Office yesterday morning between representatives of the Union and the taxi operators.

The Union had insisted on being paid a month's bonus and having the right to sign the reinstatement contracts on behalf of the new drivers as well as of the old members.

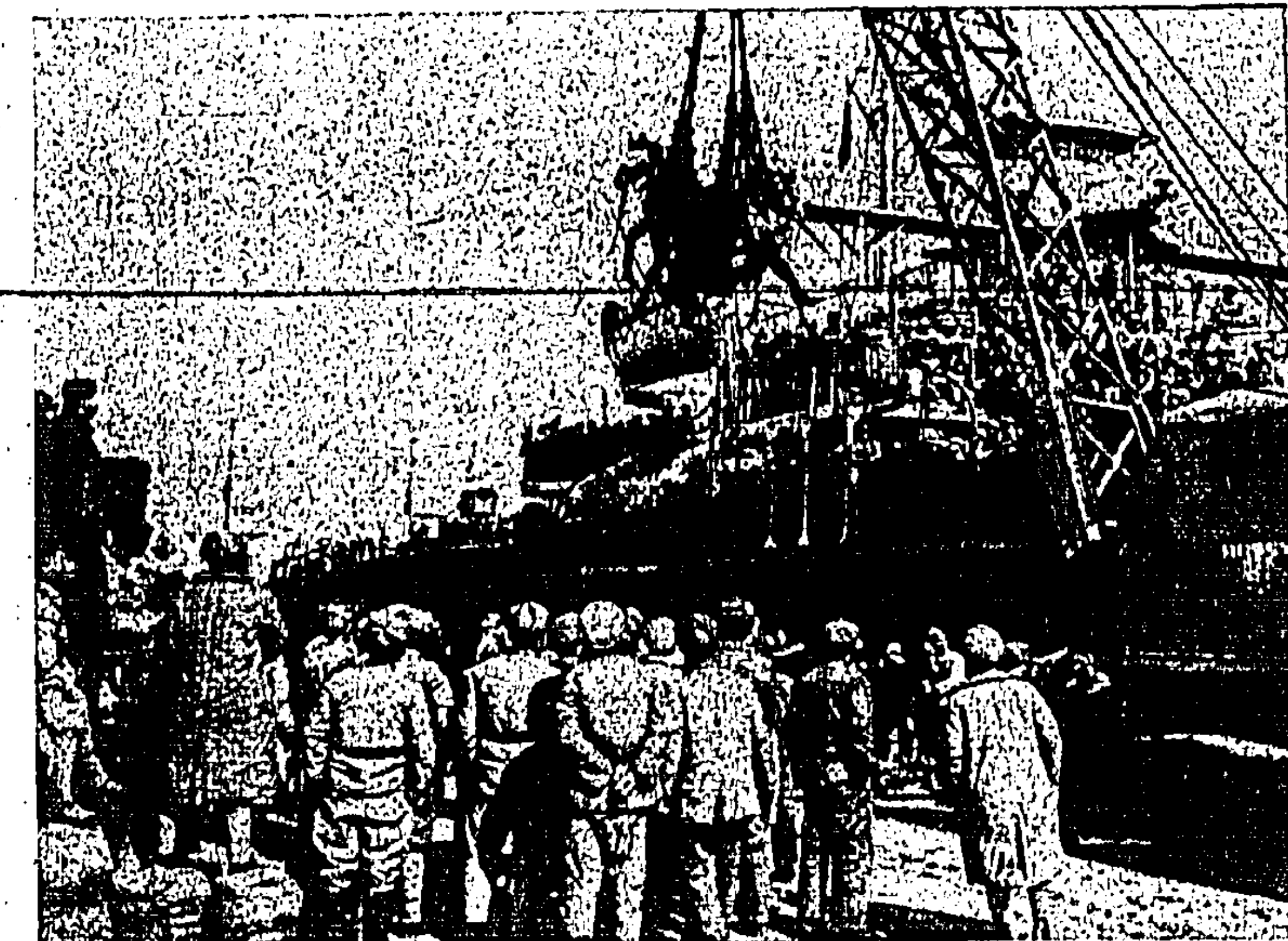
These conditions were rejected by the owners who stated that their acceptance of the Union's former demands, including the increase of men to be reinstated were the utmost they could accede.

The statement said it is our desire that the press at the time of an election especially demonstrate its true function and speedily and actively supply to the voting public fair and just criticism on political parties and their candidates.—United Press.

TANGKU TAKEN

Shanghai, January 18.
Communist troops were marching into Tangku, the sea outlet of Tientsin, last night following the evacuation of the Nationalist garrison earlier, according to Chinese reports received here.

A fleet of small boats took part in the withdrawal of the Nationalists, who totalled in all about 25,000 men, the reports added.—Reuter.



Two horses, used by Nationalist troops, are being lifted aboard transport at the BOSEY (Board of Supplies of the Executive Yuan). Dock officials said the troops are en route to Canton.—AP Photo.

Red Strategy In Japan Suffers Setback

Tokyo, January 18.

The Japanese Communist campaign strategy suffered a setback today when the Government ruled that Japanese newspapers could criticize candidates standing for next Sunday's general elections.

The Communists, however, retaliated by calling a gigantic pre-election rally of intellectuals here next Friday and Saturday in an effort to whip up the support of fellow travellers and Leftwing members in other parties.

The new interpretation of the new election laws was handed down by the National Election Management Commission, lifting earlier restrictions which had played into the hands of the Communists by preventing newspapers from throwing the white spotlight of publicity on candidates running in the crucial election.

The clarification statement was issued by the National Election Management Commission after the situation was discussed at a full cabinet session headed by Premier Shigeru Yoshida, and after there was considerable criticism of the restrictions from high American officials here.

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Lifting Horses Aboard Ship

British Aircraft Missing

London, January 18.

Rescue ships and aircraft were setting out at dawn today from America's East coast to scour the island-dotted Caribbean for a British airliner, missing with 19 people on board.

The plane, a British South American Airways liner, Star Ariel, left London on Saturday for Santiago, Chile. She took off from Bermuda soon after midnight yesterday and was due at Kingston, Jamaica, some five and a half hours later.

The last message received from her was sent about half an hour after leaving Bermuda.

After an all-night search by planes and ships, more planes were setting out today from faraway New York and North Carolina for Bermuda to hunt for the plane.

The planes will concentrate on an area off Puerto Rico following reports early today that the steamer Santa Inez had picked up distress signals for the three hours after the plane was reported overdue.

Tug Joins Search

The Admiralty tug, Foundation II, has been ordered to the port off Puerto Rico where a message from the missing airliner was received. HSA officials said signals from the airliner had been picked up at Kingston, Jamaica, but refused to divulge them pending an official inquiry.

The plane was commanded by Captain John McPhee, a New Zealander. The bodies, Miss Jean Moxon, was believed to be making her last trip.

The Star Ariel vanished almost a year after her sister plane, the Star Tiger, disappeared mysteriously in the same area with the loss of 25 passengers, including Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham. She was on the Azores-Bermuda run and at the inquiry it was stated that the cause of her disappearance would never be known.

After this disaster, Tudor planes were grounded for reliability trials but resumed duty last August.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the large and intense anti-cyclone centred over NW China, continues to dominate the area.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E or NE winds. Fine day.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum 64.0 deg. Fah.

Minimum 51.1 deg. Fah.

Sunshine 5 1/2 hours.

Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—

2.0 mm.—0.08 inch. as against an average of 14.5 mm.—0.58 inch.

Readings at 10 a.m. / 2 p.m.

Bar. at m.s.l. ... 1025.5 1025.8 m.b.

Equal ... 20.1 20.3 inches.

Rel. Humidity ... 60 68 %

Wind Direction ... 41 deg. F.

Wind Force ... 10 5 knots.

Tide ... 11 11.

High ... 1835 4.3

Low ... 0555 0.7

... 1755 2.2

First Assizes Of The Year Opened By The Chief Justice



MR. D. W. MACINTOSH
**Police Chief,
KCR Official
Decorated**

Mr. D. W. Macintosh, Commissioner of Police, and Mr. I. B. Trevor, General Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, have been appointed by the King to be Officers of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The announcement was made yesterday by Colonel Sir James Sleeman, Chief Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas. He said that the awards have been made in recognition of valuable services to the cause of humanity.

The awards were conferred by the King as the Sovereign Head of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Mr. D. W. Macintosh has had a very long and distinguished record of Police and St. John work. He first qualified in First Aid in 1924. Commencing with the Royal Irish Constabulary in 1920, he went to the Straits Settlements in 1929 where he was closely associated with the development of Police First Aid work under the auspices of St. John.

In 1931 he was awarded the King's Police Medal and in 1941 the Colonial Police Medal. In June 1940 he was created an Officer of the most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Since his arrival in Hong Kong Mr. Macintosh has taken a very active interest in the affairs of the St. John Association Executive Council.

Mr. I. B. Trevor has been a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade since 1927. In 1932 he was awarded a diploma of thanks for his excellent work in connection with the riots in Hong Kong. He has been untiring in his efforts in connection with the Kowloon Free Ambulance service and is mainly responsible for such a service existing in Kowloon today.

In 1941, Mr. Trevor was mobilized with the HKVDC and in February 1942 escaped from Shamshuipo prisoners of war camp. For this and his valuable work in China Mr. Trevor was awarded the Military Cross and returned to Hong Kong in 1945 as Lieutenant-Colonel in the Military Administration. He held the rank of District Officer, Kowloon, until his promotion in 1948 to Assistant Commissioner of the Brigade, which position he still holds. Mr. Trevor also holds the Service Medal of St. John with two bars.

LECTURE

Dr. F. L. Tseng will give a lecture on native Chinese physicians to the Sino-British Club on Friday. The lecture will be given at the Public Relations Office lecture room at 5.15 p.m.

With the spread of scientific medicine in China many people believe that the native Chinese physician practices an art entirely without value.

Much of their theory and practice is based on superstition and false science, but there are discoveries, especially herbalism, which are contributions to medicine.

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**TWO DAYS
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"Under our system of justice, no one, however rich or influential, is beyond the reach of the courts if he offends against the law, and no one can be shut off from access to the courts and from a judicial decision as to his rights and liabilities."

These remarks were made at the Supreme Court yesterday by Sir Leslie Gibson, (Chief Justice), at the opening of the first Assizes of the year.

Sir Leslie expressed his sincere appreciation of the efforts that had been made in the building up of the Police Force and the Police Reserve and of the high standard of efficiency which they had now reached.

The opening of the first Assizes of the year was for the first time in the history of the Colony, marked by a special service in St. John's Cathedral, attended by Sir Leslie Gibson, Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Police Judge), Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge), Law Officers of the Crown and many distinguished personalities.

Choir Heads Procession

The choir, which headed the procession into the Cathedral, was followed by the Rev. George She, Mr. Justice Reynolds, Mr. Justice Wicks, Mr. C. d'Almeida e Castro (Registrar of the Supreme Court), Mr. L. Alltree (Head Bailiff and Mace Bearer), Sir Leslie Gibson, Mr. Henry Kwok (Vergor), the Very Rev. A. P. Rose, Mr. B. Gellam (carrying the Bishop's Crook) and the Bishop.

The service commenced with the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem, followed by a psalm, the General Confession, the Absolution and the Lord's Prayer.

The lesson, taken from Chapter 13 of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, was read by the Chief Justice, after which the hymn "Rejoice, O Land, in God thy might" was sung.

Then came the sermon by the Bishop, followed by prayers led by the Dean, for the King and Country, the Governor of Hong Kong, the Chief Justice, Judges and Magistrates, the Courts of Justice and the Police Force.

After the hymn "The Lord will come and not be slow" had been sung, the service concluded with the Blessing by the Bishop.

For his sermon, the Bishop took as his text "The Law is for Persons."

Bishop's Remarks
The Bishop said in part: "I have been asked to speak simply to you this morning. I will try to do so. For God's ways are simple: God's ways are simple though they are not easy."

"At the last ceremonial opening of the Assizes in November, 1947, my predecessor Sir Henry Blackall commented favourably on the reduction of crime in this Colony and I am able to tell you that the figures for crime in the year 1948 were considerably lower than in any preceding years since the re-occupation."

"The number of persons indicted at the Assizes was 286 and of these, as many as 201 were convicted on pleas of guilty or by juries of their fellow citizens. I mention the latter figure because it is a clear indication of the care with which the police carry out their investigations in this Colony."

Maintaining Safeguards
"The Courts have also had to make their contribution to the restoration of law and order by dealing sternly with the guilty and maintaining all those safeguards necessary to prevent the conviction of innocent people."

"The courts are still severe in their sentences and those, particularly, who may expect to receive heavy sentences are the real criminals especially if they resort to violence whose sole concern is to prey on their fellow men."

"I think that we ought also to be grateful in this Colony to those who serve the community as Jurors, Justices of the Peace and members of Tenancy Tribunals. Their contribution is very great."

"Jurors, often at great personal inconvenience, serve regularly at the Assizes and I always find that they bring to bear, in their weighing of cases, a widely assorted experience of life, which is invaluable. In no single case which I have tried at the Assizes in Hong Kong have I felt the slightest doubt that the verdict of the jury was correct."

"The appointment of Justices of the Peace to sit as magistrates in the Central Magistracy was an innovation started in October 1948 and has proved very successful."

"The courts of the Justices of the Peace sit four times a week and, in the short period since their inception until the end of the year, they have dealt with over 2,000 cases."

"There are now 30 Justices of the Peace who serve the community in this way."

Grave Judicial Task
"The Tenancy Tribunals face one of the gravest judicial tasks in this Colony by reason of the very large number of applications which are made to them and the often very difficult legal problems which are posed for their decision. In the year 1948, they heard some 404 cases."

"Like those who serve as Jurors or as Justices of the Peace, the members of the Tenancy Tribunals give their services free and all of them are busy men. It is certainly no criticism of their efforts when I say that the Tenancy Tribunals are still heavily in arrears with their work. It is no criticism because the task of clearing off these arrears would, in my opinion, be quite beyond the resources of men who could not be expected to give their whole time to the work."

"The arrears in the Tenancy Tribunals are a source of great anxiety and I have come to the conclusion that the only real way to tackle the problems effectively is to supplement the efforts of those who can only serve part time, by the appointment of two or three full time paid officers with legal qualifications."

"I hope that these appointments will shortly be made but I wish to make it quite clear that nothing is further from my contemplation than my wishes than that those people who are at present serving should withdraw their services when full time officers begin to sit. It is very important indeed that they should not do so."

What System Means
"I think, Mr. Attorney, that I should take this opportunity to say a few words about our system of law in this Colony because I think that all of us in this Court, whether we have a part in the administration of justice or not, might like to pause for a moment to think what that system means to us and to our fellow citizens in Hong Kong."

"The British system of law has been built up through many centuries by men of great integrity and ability, men with a real devotion to freedom and fair play. How jealously have they fought for and guarded through the years those sound principles of justice which have won for British law the respect and not the fear of all good citizens."

"Those of us who are lawyers know very well what those principles are but I can do no harm for me to mention them briefly today."

"In the first place, the Police Force in Hong Kong is there for the protection of the public and is not the instrument of an arbitrary power outside the law."

"In the second place, under our system of justice, no one, however rich or influential is beyond the reach of the courts if he offends against the law, and no one can be shut off from access to the courts and from a judicial decision as to his rights and liabilities. Moreover, this access is not limited to the courts of Hong Kong. It is accessible also to the highest court of the British Empire—the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council."

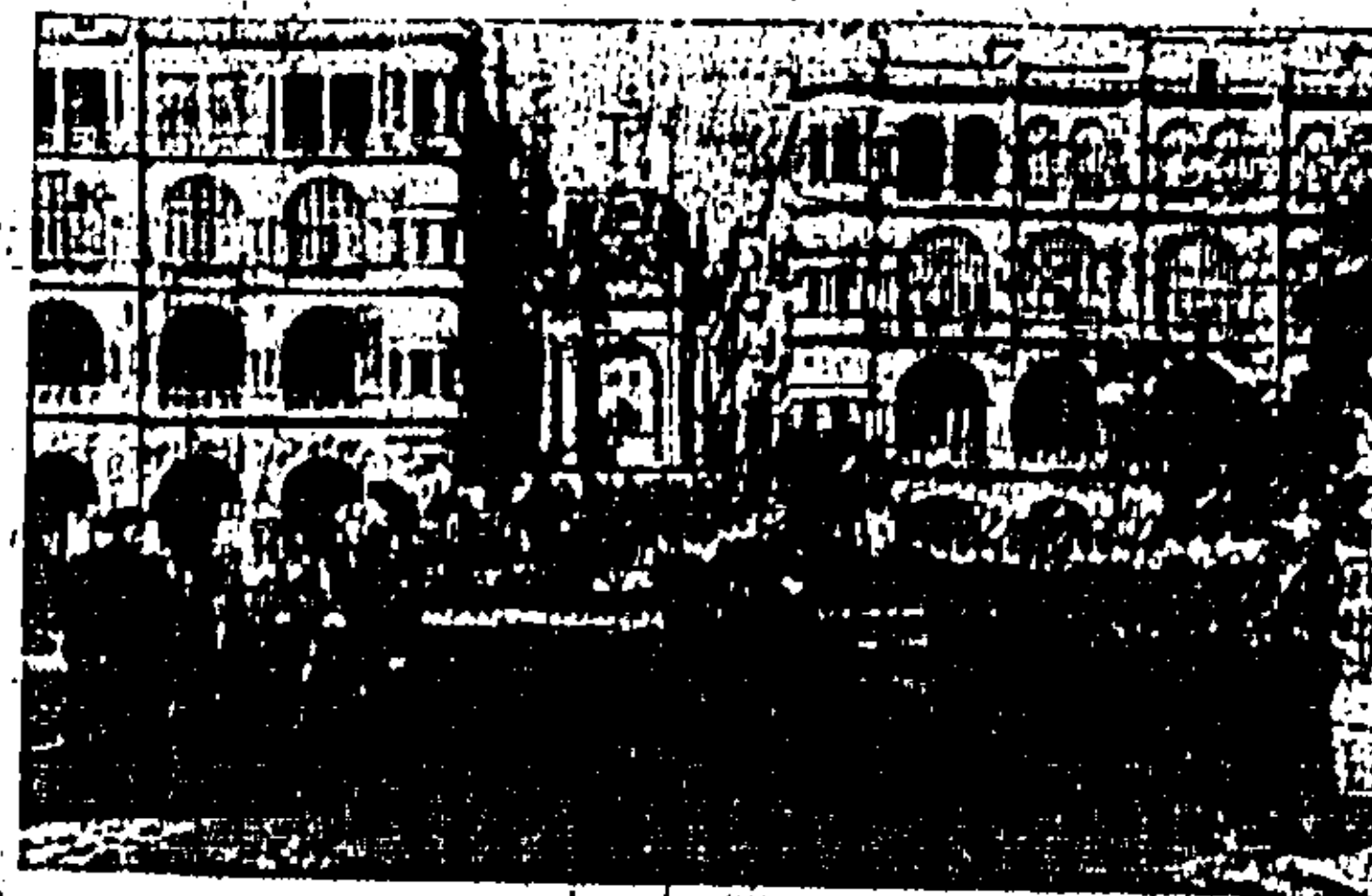
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"In the third place, when the rights or liberties of a citizen come to be tested in the courts, the decision rests with judges who are completely independent of the executive and who give their decisions without bias whether political, racial, religious or social. They give their decisions according to the law without fear or favour."

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The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, inspecting a Guard of Honour before the opening of the first Assizes of the year—"China Mail" Photo.

Dutch Ship Arrives From Buenos Aires

The Dutch steamer Ruys arrived here yesterday from Buenos Aires via Manila with about 70 passengers.

Among the arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. F. Leandro, Miss M. V. Heberden, Mr. and Mrs. W. McEldon, Mr. P. C. Donald, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stewart and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Main, Mr. and Mrs. A. van Drogenaer, Dr. A. R. de Almeida, Correla, Lieutenant Colonel F. L. Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. R. Moor.

Some of the them are transit to Shanghai.

The Ruys brought more than 2,000 tons of general cargo for the Colony. She encountered strong North Easterlies en route from the Philippines.

The luxurious Dutch passenger liner will go into dock during her stay here.

Passengers spent the Christmas holidays at Penang, and celebrated New Year at Singapore.

The only excitement which occurred during the trip from South America via the Indian Ocean was when a Chinese stowaway was discovered in the cargo hold.

He was taken off at Singapore.

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Tricyclists Application
Approximately 500 tricycle owners and drivers have applied to the Kowloon Traffic Office for renewal of licences for both the vehicles and their drivers, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

About 50 tricycles seen parked outside the Kowloon Traffic Office yesterday afternoon looked very spick and span with their goods boxes painted a brilliant red, and their tyres brand new.

According to an official of the "KTO," all tricyclists must be in "perfect mechanical condition before the licence will be renewed."

Governor To Present Insignia
Insignia of the Venerable Order of St. John will be presented by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, to several local residents tomorrow at Government House.

Following are the awards with the names of the recipients: Associate Commander, Mr. Abbas of Arcull, Commissioner St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Officer (Brother), Mr. F. S. Cooke, Chairman, General Executive Committee, St. John Ambulance Association; Dr. Chau Wai Cheung, Divisional Surgeon; Dr. F. L. Tseng, Divisional Surgeon, and Dr. D. W. C. Gawn.

Associate Officer (Brother), L. Kadoorie, Chief, Leg. Hon. Serving Brothers, Dr. J. B. Mackie, Divisional Surgeon; Lam Wing-kam, Corps Officer; Chung Yung-ping, Divisional Superintendent; Cheng Tini, Ambulance Officer; Chan Yau-sing, Ambulance Officer; Samuel Kubbie Szeto, Ambulance Officer; Wan Shiu-hon, Chin Ting-kwan, Chu Chiu-lun, Chak Fo-kin, Leung Sik-yin and Chan Hung-yat.

Associate Serving Brothers, Mr. A. H. Rungtahn, District Officer; Dr. S. S. Ramler, Tang Man-chi, Tang Kwok-tai and Lo Ping-yin.

Serving Sisters, Misses Lois Fearon, Lady Corps Officer, and Dr. Lai Po-chuen, Lady Divisional Surgeon.

Correspondence
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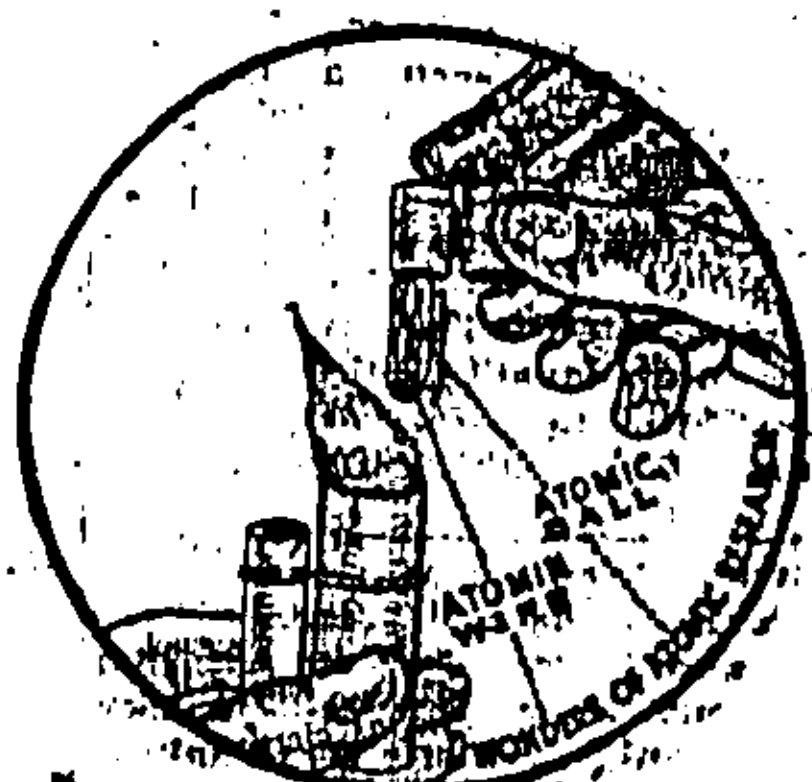
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a Casting Meeting for the Stage Club's next production "The Guinea Pig" on Thursday, 20th Jan., 1949, at 8.30 p.m. in Room A, 2nd Floor, China Fleet Club.

All members and anyone interested are asked to please attend.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB
COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Double Tennis Championships to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 21st, 1949.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 11th, 1949.

NOTICE
CABLE & WIRELESS LTD.

Announce that in order to handle increased traffic the following direct wireless telegraph circuits have been opened.

HONG KONG—TAIPEI
HONG KONG—FOOCHOW

NOTICE
HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

In the course of Lectures on the Social Services, Mr. C. J. Norman, Superintendent of Prisons, will lecture on "The Juvenile Delinquent" on Wednesday, January 19th at 5.30 p.m. in the Public Relations Office, Statue Square.

Chairman: Brigadier Waller, Salvation Army.

ALL INTERESTED ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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One "Charles Hope" domestic refrigerator, 5½ cu. ft., Kerosene operated, in good running order. Can be viewed at D.C.R.E. office, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 21st January, 1949.

Tenders to be submitted to C.R.E., 'A' & 'B' Blocks, Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, by 11 a.m., 27th January, 1949, envelope to be clearly marked "TENDER FOR REFRIGERATOR".

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1949 at 3 p.m.

The area which comprises 3,150 square feet is situated at Un Chau Street, New Kowloon, and is suitable for residential purposes.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of 14th January, 1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works. January 6, 1949.

NOTICE
NATURALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HERMES NOLASCO DA SILVA of 81 KADOORIE AVENUE, KOWLOON, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

Service Auction Rooms

A. E. B. de Sousa, Auctioneer, Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc. Basement, French Bank Bldg., Telephone 31867.

Fisherman To Be Tried For Robbery

Charged with being in possession of dynamite and also with armed robbery, a fisherman was committed to trial by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was Lau Kau-kai, aged 26, of Fo Toi O Village, Hong Kong.

Detective Sub-Inspector Askew outlined the case as follows:

On October 20, last year, sampan No. 27315, mastered by Lau Shiu-yim, was intercepted at Tai Miu Bay.

Lau's vessel was boarded by robbers armed with revolvers and they proceeded to transfer the cargo of 50 lbs of peanut oil and a number of poultry to their own junk.

The victims were then put ashore and herded into a foxhole where they remained for two nights and a day.

After they had been freed they at once reported the matter to the Police and Sub-Inspector Kinloch with a party of police went to the foxhole and kept a night's watch.

The next morning defendant was seen moving suspiciously on the hill. On being approached and searched two hand made bombs with detonator and fuse attached were discovered on him.

Defendant then accompanied the police to his home and search revealed an oil tin and two bottles of peanut oil which defendant admitted to be part of the proceeds of the robbery.

Five Years For Counts Of Indecency

That the accused had been in a position of great responsibility as a schoolmaster who had charge over young people, was stated by Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when he passed sentence on Tam Wing, aged 26, teacher of the King Yan School, of 156 Tai Po Road, Kowloon.

Tam, who pleaded guilty to two counts of indecency committed on a young student, was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

Crown Counsel, Mr. Heenan, told the court that accused, who had been on the staff of the school since February 1948, took advantage of his position as a teacher, and as one who had influence and control over students in the school, to commit this particularly outrageous crime against a 14-year-old pupil.

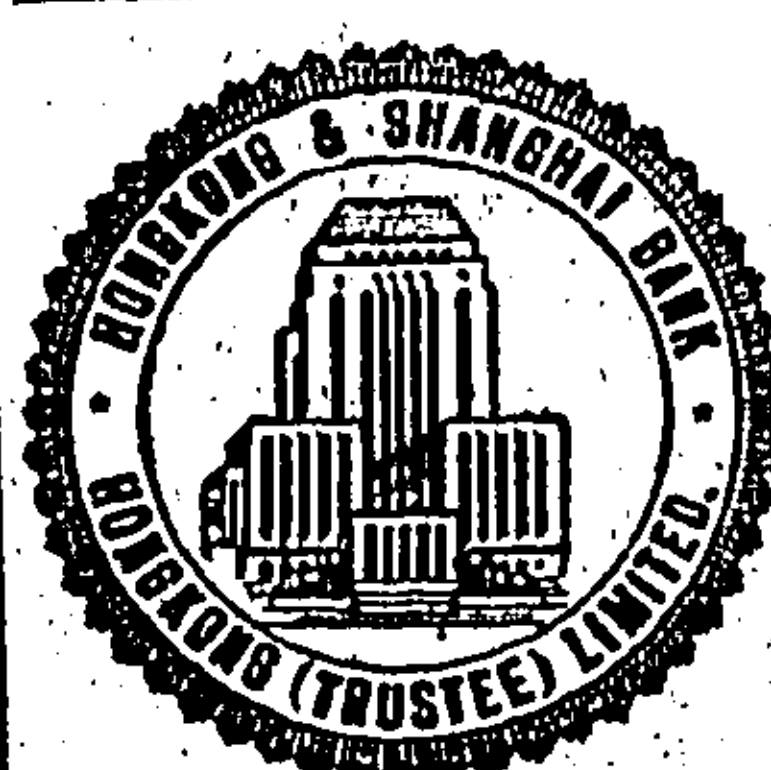
Counsel stressed the special necessity of protecting children against offences of this nature, particularly by persons who were in a position of influence and trust.

Tam pleaded for leniency and told the court that he realised his mistake.

HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Dr. D. P. Dobson, J.P., Litt.D., will give a talk to members of the Association on "School Broadcasts" at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th, in St. John's Cathedral Hall. All interested are invited to attend.

M. HEARSON, Joint Secretary.



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St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon was the scene of the wedding of Mr. Brian Dennis Wilson, Government Administrative Officer and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. M. Wilson, and Miss Margaret Shan Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips. The bride, who wore a white tulle veil and a long white gown with shoes to match, was given away by the Hon. P. S. Cassidy. She carried a bouquet of red gladioli.

Countryman Tries To Bite, Gets 3 Months

A Chinese countryman was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday with assaulting by biting a woman he met in the street the night before.

Inspector N.H. Moran said that complainant was standing outside a house in Des Voeux Road when defendant, Fung Ki, of no fixed abode, asked her to spend the night with him.

Refusing his attentions, she started to walk away and defendant then used profane language at her.

Resenting the abuse, she seized hold of defendant's coat and raised an alarm and defendant in an attempt to free himself bit her hand several times.

Defendant, denying the allegations, said he had just come from the country. Complainant approached him and asked if he wanted a prostitute.

When he said no, complainant seized hold of his clothing and started yelling, and a large crowd collected.

He was sentenced to three months and banishment. A request for a fine in lieu was granted and Mr. d'Almeida said he could pay \$250, but the banishment order stays.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptrollers Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21815).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tao men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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WHICH IS MORE EXACT?

WITH MANY players, a rule of the partner's major suit bid, if not made at the first bid, is not valid. It shows that the raiser does not possess four cards of the suit and warns the first bidder to be prepared for only three-card support if he has just four cards of it himself. These cards of the major suit, it will show the fit at once, with either a single raise in a hand of ordinary strength, or a double raise to show game strength opposite a minimum and possible slam chances, or a raise all the way to game when having splendid distributional support but a holding weak in high card values.

SA 90432
H 1098
D 5
C AK
SK J 10
H 4
D Q J 10
8 4 2
C Q 2

SA 90432
H 1098
D 5
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C Q 2

(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable).
South West North East
Pass Pass 2 S Pass
2 NT Pass 3 H Pass
4 H

Under the suit-support plan followed by the North and South players in this rubber game, the fact that South did not bid spades on his first chance to raise them showed he did not have four. And the fact that North did not raise hearts on his first opportunity to showed he did not have four. When North

raised the hearts on his second chance, he showed his partner exactly three of them, letting South know his suit was only dangerously supported unless he happened to have five cards of it. He did.

South's own second bid of 2-No Trumps, instead of a 3-Heart rebid, did not in any sense deny possession of five. His message was positive, not negative. It showed North a bit more general strength than would a heart rebid. It indicated probably a couple of cards in spades. It proclaimed some degree of stoppage in both minor suits. It enabled North, with three hearts, to show his intermediate support. It gave North a chance, if he lacked three hearts but was a bit stronger than he had shown, to bid 3-No Trumps. Lacking any of these, North received a chance to rebid spades with six of them.

Of course the 4-Heart contract worked, one trick each being lost in spades, hearts and diamonds.

Tomorrow's Problem
SA 104
H Q 9 8 5
D A 5
C 7 6 5 2
SK J 8 7
H K J 10 8
D K Q 4
C None

SA 104
H Q 9 8 5
D A 5
C 7 6 5 2
SK J 8 7
H K J 10 8
D K Q 4
C None

(Dealer: North, East-West, vulnerable).
After East bids 1-Club, South 1-Diamond, West 1-Spade, East 2-Clubs, West 2-Hearts and North passes, what should East do?

SA 104
H Q 9 8 5
D A 5
C 7 6 5 2
SK J 8 7
H K J 10 8
D K Q 4
C None

SA 104
H Q 9 8 5
D A 5
C 7 6 5 2
SK J 8 7
H K J 10 8
D K Q 4
C None

SA 104
H Q 9 8 5
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C 7 6 5 2
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H K J 10 8
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WORLD TRADE UNION SPLIT "INEVITABLE"

Talks On Position Of Ulster

London, January 17. The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Sir Basil Brooke, and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, Mr. Eamon de Valera, will have further talks on Northern Ireland's constitutional position tomorrow.

Sir Basil will lunch with Mr. de Valera and the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, at the Premier's official residence. The meeting follows the recent Downing Street round table conference between British and Northern Irish Ministers on the constitutional complications caused by the Republic of Ireland Act, which breaks her last link with the Crown.

These will involve early legislation, considered by the Cabinet here last Thursday, to alter the King's title to "King of Northern Ireland."

It will also re-define in other ways the relationship of Eire, the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Authoritative quarters say that the legislation, expected to be presented to Parliament at a very early moment, will conform with Mr. de Valera's repeated assurances that there will be no change in the constitutional position of Northern Ireland without the approval of that country.—Reuter.

GOING TOO FAR

Ronoke, Virginia, January 18. W. Carter, 45, said his wife had been mixing wax and soap in his food for a long time, but when she substituted ground glass it was too much and he shot her to death.—United Press.

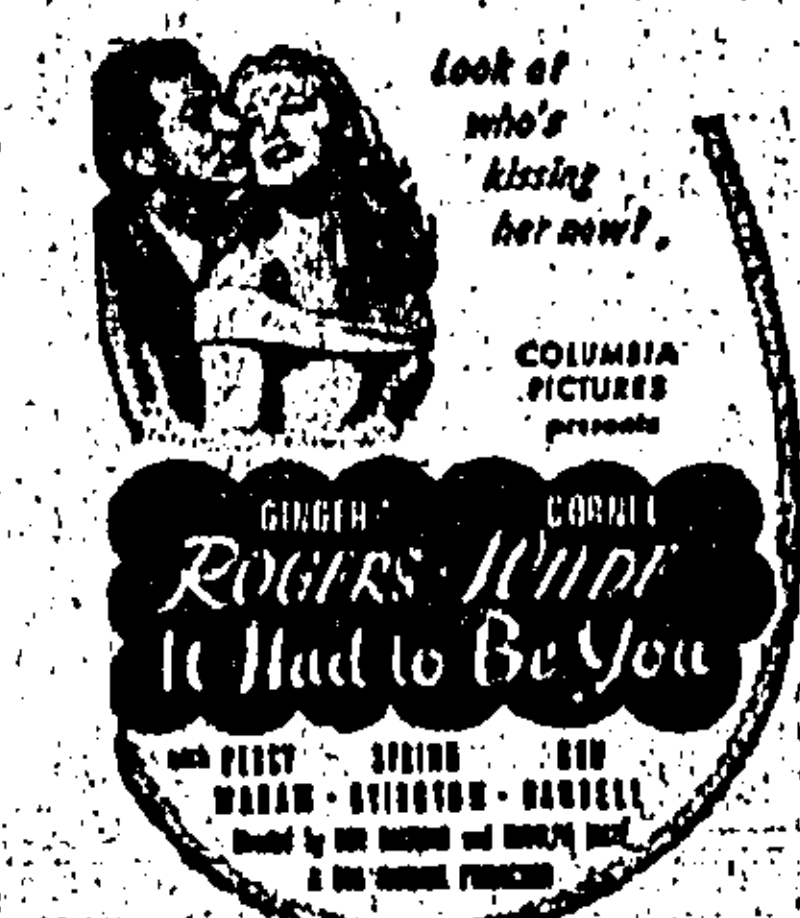
RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 630 kilocycles per second and on 5.32 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.
12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers. (Studio)
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Navy Mixture Melodies. (BBC7S)
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—From the Shows.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll. (BBC7S)
6.02 p.m.—The Trial of the Knaves of Heister. (BBC7S)
6.30 p.m.—The Three Suns—Instrumental.
6.40 p.m.—Terry Lou at the Piano. (Studio)
7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
7.15 p.m.—Wednesday Night at 7.15. (Studio)
7.45 p.m.—Percy Faith and His Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—From the Editorials. (London Relay)
8.10 p.m.—Interlude.
8.15 p.m.—It's in the Air—Variety Request Programme Presented by Susan Howard. (Studio)
8.30 p.m.—A Talk by Jack Luff: "Germany and her place in Europe"—No. 1: "The Ruhr Incident." (Studio)
9.30 p.m.—"Double Indemnity"—A Mystery Play by Charles Hutton. (BBC7S)
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—"Anthology." Presented by Clifford Davies. (Studio)
10.45 p.m.—Nothing but Music! Sidney Torch and the Queens Hall Light Orchestra.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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STARTS THURSDAY
Yvonne DeCARLO in
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Paris, January 17. The President of the World Federation of Trade Unions, Mr. Arthur Deakin, declared in Paris tonight that a split in the World Federation of Trade Unions appears inevitable.

"I think it will be so clear that an agreement cannot be reached that there will be no point or purpose in taking a vote," he said.

Mr. Deakin told reporters that no agreement seems possible on the British Trades Union Congress proposal that the WFTU suspend its functions for one year. "That means we shall terminate our association with the WFTU," he said.

He stated definitely and unequivocally that no discussions or arrangements have been made to get together for the purpose of forming a new international union.

He said Mr. Deakin had not informed the Executive Bureau that he was going to give a press conference. He added: "Until now these conferences have been made with the agreement of the Executive Bureau."—Reuter.

On the Soviet delegate's suggestion that conciliation talks be held before the main meeting of the Executive to attempt to preserve unity, Mr. Deakin said: "I said no. Experience has left us with the impression that it is not possible for any compromise to be reached this time."

Scandinavian unions and those of the Benelux countries are expected to leave the Federation with the American, British and Dutch. Canada is likely to take the same stand but Australia's position is not known.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the American Congress of Industrial Organization, Mr. James B. Vorey, earlier told the Executive Bureau: "We are now in the position in the WFTU where we must either accept the dictates of the Politburo and the Cominform or continue in a state of paralysis."

Mr. Deakin said it is clear that Soviet trade unions will not support any proposal for the suspension of the WFTU. He said the Italian and Chinese representatives on the Executive Bureau lives on with the Soviet Union. "That means three national centres taking one point of view and three taking another. So it appears no agreement is possible on the suspension proposal."

Asked what will happen to the funds of the WFTU, Mr. Deakin said: "If the organization is not put into suspension those who carry on will I suppose inherit the funds."

Dean Acheson Well Qualified
Washington, January 17. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today described Mr. Dean Acheson as exceptionally well qualified to be Secretary of State and urged prompt approval of his nomination.

It also said that the retiring Secretary, Mr. George Marshall, is one of the greatest Americans of our times.

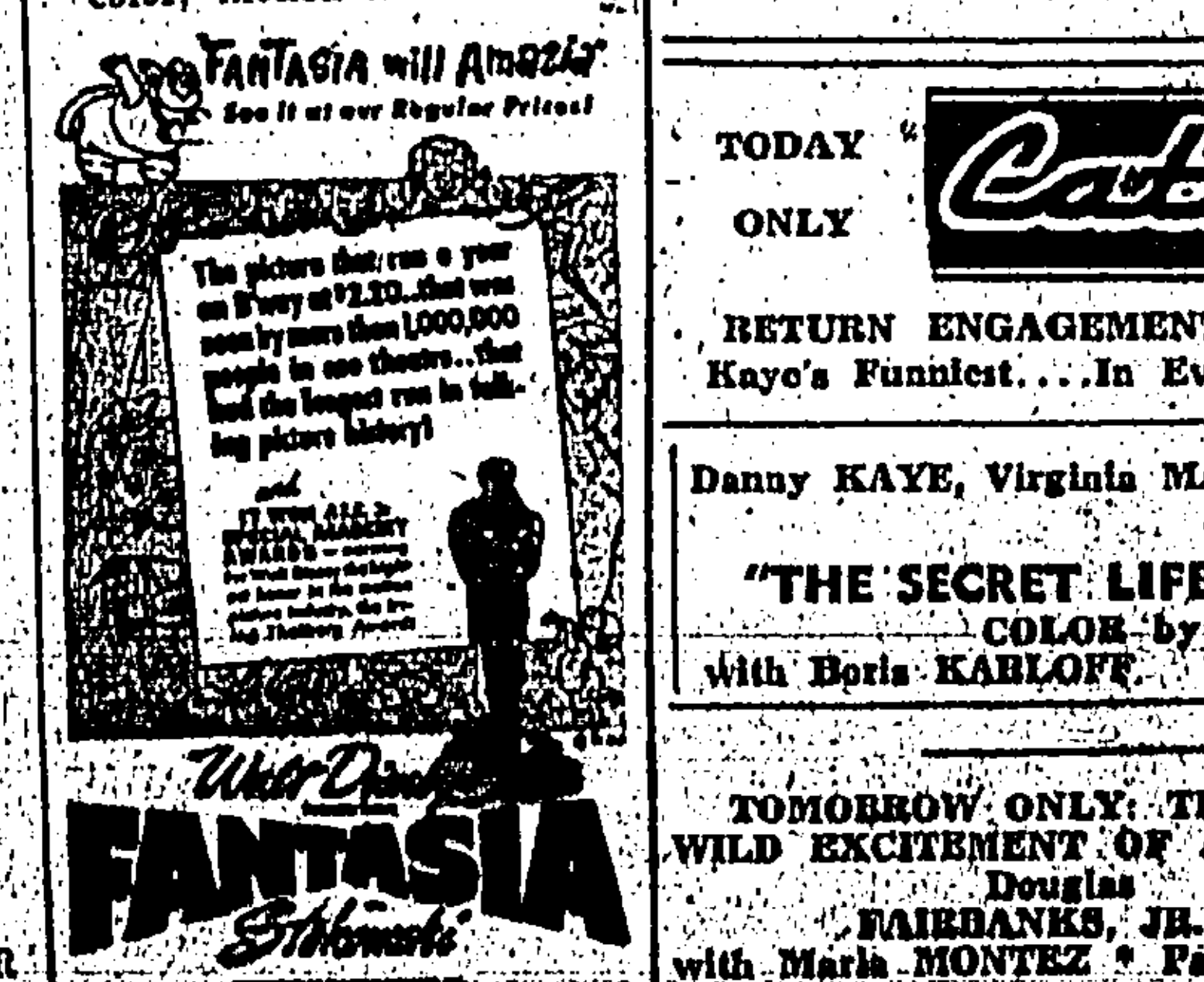
The Committee filed a one-page report formally notifying the Senate of its 18-0 vote last week recommending that Mr. Acheson's nomination be confirmed.

The report said: "It is the view of the Committee that Mr. Acheson is exceptionally well qualified to assume the responsibilities of the high post to which the President has nominated him."

Democratic leaders announced that the nomination will be considered by the Senate tomorrow.—United Press.

STAR

17 Hankow Road, Kowloon
2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.
A wondrous combination of color, motion and music.



Police Film Lost Week-End

Columbus, Ohio, January 18. The police here are preparing to film their own "Lost Week-end" in order to discourage drunkenness and to train police recruits in the proper handling of intoxicated persons.

The police chief ordered a camera set up in the Central Police Station to photograph drunks as they were brought in.—United Press.

BOATSWAIN ON THEFT CHARGE

Mombasa, January 18. Warrant Boatswain Wilfred J. Freeman appeared before the Resident Magistrate's Court in Mombasa yesterday on charges of stealing cable and other articles worth £11,000 from the Harbour Boom Defence depot of which he was in charge.

Two Indians were accused of stealing or alternatively receiving the equipment.

In each case, bail of £75 personal surety and two other sureties of £500 was allowed. The case will come up for hearing on Thursday, January 20.—Associated Press.

Red Propaganda Busy In Germany

Berlin, January 18. Appealing to their nationalistic feelings, the Russians today urged the German people to protest against the occupation statute which the Western Allies are preparing for Western Germany.

It was the second day in succession that the Russians incited the Germans to revolt against a Western power statute. On Saturday, they called for rebellion against the six power statute for control of the industrial Ruhr.

The occupation statute would serve as a substitute for a delayed peace treaty in outlining what powers would be assigned to a Western German Government. The Western powers undertook this course after failing to agree with the Russians on even the rudiments of a German settlement.

The official Red Army newspaper, "Tagliche Rundschau," blasted the forthcoming statute claiming it will completely deprive the German people of their rights.

The Soviet mouthpiece urged the German people to demand a peace treaty and the withdrawal of all occupation forces. This was proposed at last year's Soviet-led Warsaw conference of Eastern European Foreign Ministers and

British Accused

The German Communists converted their annual memorial service to Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, the Communists who were killed by German militarists 30 years ago, into an attack against the Western Allies.

They linked it with a shrill defence of Max Reimann, Western Germany's number one Communist who is being brought to trial on Tuesday by the British Military Government on charges of threatening German officials who co-operate with the Ruhr statute.

The Communists claimed Reimann was as much a martyr as Liebknecht and Luxemburg. A proclamation by the Soviet-sponsored Socialist Unity (Communist) Party accused the British of cynical and arbitrary action against Reimann and strangling elementary liberties.—Associated Press.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE

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SUPERFORT CRASHES IN SCOTTISH GLEN

Glasgow, January 17. Twenty American airmen were killed when a United States Superfortress crashed in dense mist about 3,600 feet up a mountainside near the village of Loch Gailhead, Scotland. Loch Gailhead police stated there are no survivors. A rescue party found just a pile of burned-out metal, and nothing remained to be done except to search for bodies.

Earlier, the United States Air Force authorities in England said that a Superfortress, on its way back to the United States via Iceland, was missing. The 20 airmen on board had finished their duty in England.

A rescue worker said: "Many bodies were strewn among the wreckage on the mountainside and we searched about to see if there were any survivors but found none."

The Loch Gailhead police told Reuter: "Parts of the bodies had been scattered around in such circumstances that it is going to be difficult to identify any of them."

The search party, which set out immediately the plane was heard to pass over Loch Gailhead and crash, had to cross rough country, forcing a path through heavily wooded areas and to wade knee deep in bog to reach the wreck.

Wild Country

It was still blazing when they got there. The United States Air Force Headquarters later issued a statement identifying the plane as the Superfortress which was reported missing. The Headquarters refuses to confirm the Loch Gailhead police statement that there are no survivors.

The Headquarters said: "We are awaiting our own report of the crash. There is a possibility that some of the men may have parachuted out."

The rescue party came across the tangled wreckage in Succoth Glen, between the mountains around the district of Loch Gailhead and Strachur.

The crash occurred in wild country inhabited only by foxes, wildcats and deer.

Six bodies were found besides the twisted and burnt-out wreckage.—Reuter.

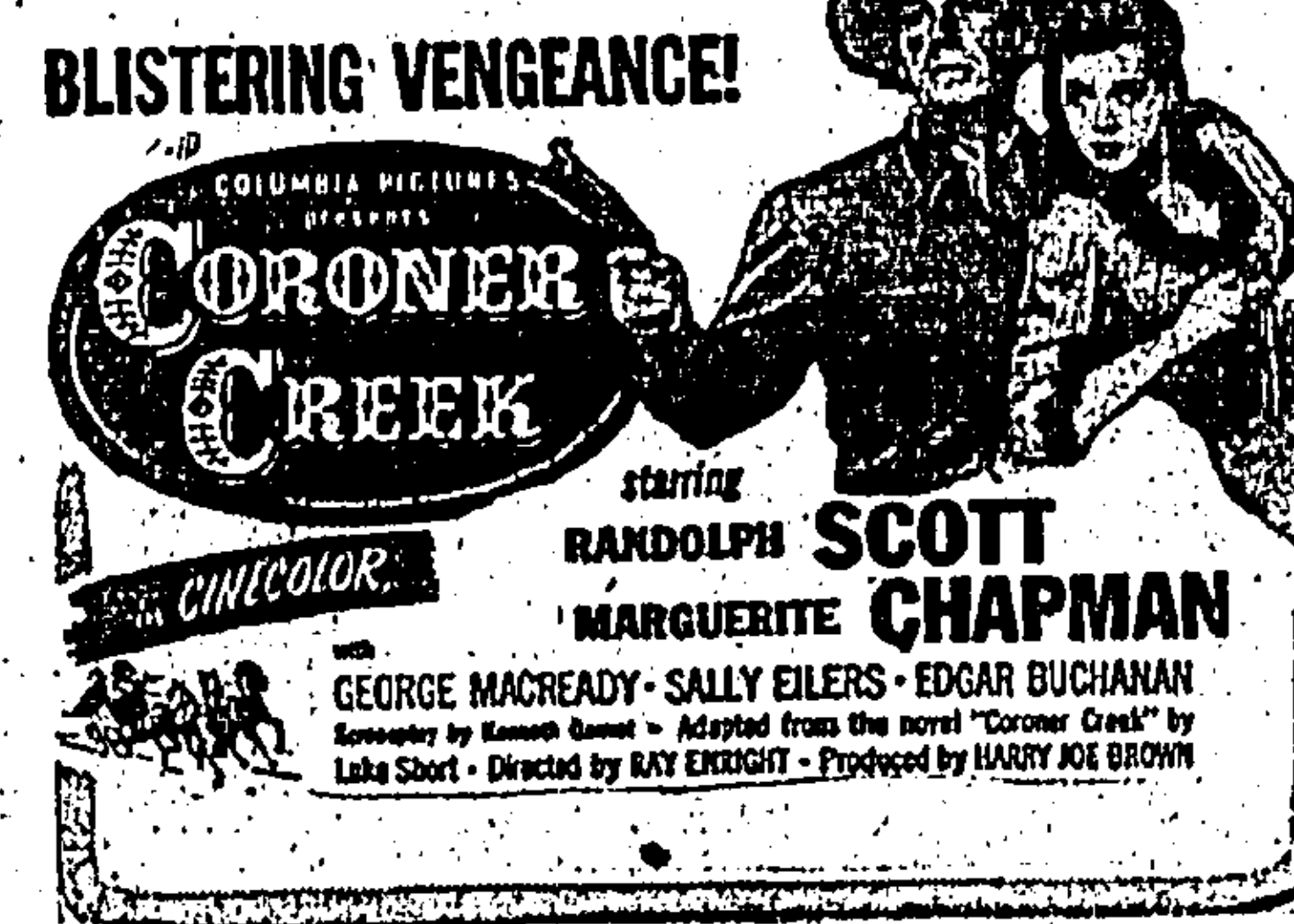
MANILA TO HAVE BROWN-OUTS

Manila, January 18. This city of 1,000,000 will undergo brown-outs for at least 20 days, the Manila Electric Company warned today as efforts are being made to repair war-damaged plants.

A large section of the business district was darkened last night, interrupting communications and other power facilities.—Associated Press.

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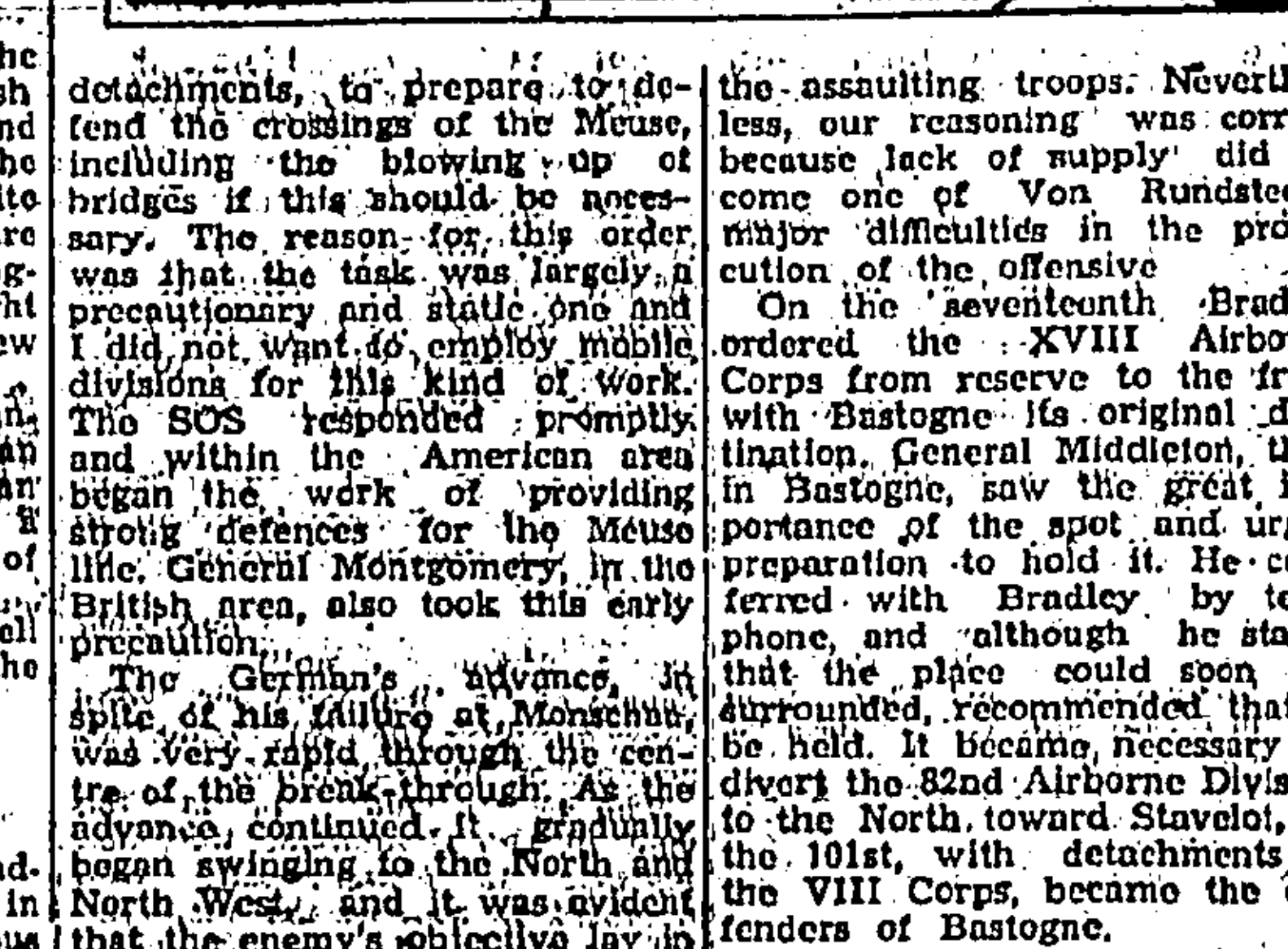
sion, there is little escape. The morale of the Nationalist armies has been destroyed even more completely than that of the Kuomintang die-hards, and there is nothing to stop the Red armies from sweeping through to Nanking. The futility of further attempts at resistance needs no emphasis. In the quest for peace, the first essential, of course, is the retirement of President Chiang Kai-shek. Whatever views may be held regarding his administration, no one in Nanking or elsewhere in China, is under any illusion that the Communists will be prepared to order a cease-fire while Chiang retains even nominal leadership of the Kuomintang Government. To point the obvious, the Generalissimo is

capture of Liège. We reasoned that even if he had the more ambitious objective of Antwerp it would have to depend partially upon supplies he might capture at Liège. We arrived at this conclusion because of the bottling-up we counted upon to cause a deficiency in supplies particularly the difficulties was certain to encounter transporting them to the front. Consequently we believed that his continued advance would depend almost regardless of counter measures of our own upon the capture of one of our great supply depots.

Even if the German had possessed an efficient supply system as we which he could have would still have found tremendous difficulty in supplying his spearheads over the miserable roads, available, which were at the same time, of course, crowded with his reinforcements pushing to the front.

So we are particularly concerned about Liège, where there we

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that direction. We believed that his first purpose would be the

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INQUIRY ON RACIAL RIOTS

Statement By South African Premier

New BOAC Chairman Appointed

London, January 17. Sir Miles Thomas, the man who last Autumn was given the task of re-organising the British Overseas Airways Corporation, is to be the new chairman of that organisation.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation announced tonight that Sir Harold Gurnea, who had been acting as chairman, will resign when his present term ends on June 30, and that Sir Miles, the deputy chairman, will succeed him.

Sir Miles will be succeeded as deputy chairman by Mr. Whitney Straight, formerly a racing motorist and one of Britain's leading aviation experts.

Sir Miles Thomas is internationally known as a motor car manufacturer.

He has visited South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Ceylon, Burma and Switzerland.

Sir Miles said tonight: "The dollar pay-roll personnel of BOAC is being reduced from 1,500 to fewer than 800 by next March. Arrangements have been made for a reduction of local personnel in the Far East and the Middle East totalling a further 1,000 employees."—Reuter.

ANTI-HITLERITE DIES IN LONDON

London, January 18. Professor Hermann Levy, an economist who opposed Hitler and fled Germany in 1933, has died at suburban Richmond aged 67.

He lectured at King's College, Cambridge University, after serving the Government for some time as an authority on cartels.—Associated Press.

Czech Army Plot Said Uncovered

Prague, January 17.

Official sources in Prague disclaim all knowledge of a reported attempted putsch, or of sentences on high military officers alleged to have been concerned in it.

A spokesman describes the reports as absolute rubbish.

The reports, which are the climax of several weeks of rumours, speak of action by a special military tribunal against a group of high officers said to have been involved in a putsch planned for Christmas Eve.

The rumours were strengthened by the apparent withdrawal of President Klement Gottwald from public and by the reinforcing of the guard round his palace.

President Gottwald did not attend a special theatre performance held here recently in honour of his birthday.

Usually reliable sources give it as a fact that more than 100 Army officers have been arrested.

It is believed that further purges have been carried out in the armed forces, particularly among officers with wartime association with the West, and that a tribunal has passed a number of death sentences, as well as long prison sentences.

However, it is announced that a Prague military court has sentenced one Czech officer to death and another to life imprisonment for anti-State activities.

The death sentence was passed on Major Ladislav Cihel, charged with leading an anti-State group in contact with foreign agents, to whom the group is alleged to have given secret economic and political information.—Reuter.

TRUMAN MASTER OF HARMONY

Washington, January 17. President Truman was today made an honorary life member of the American Federation of Musicians because of his mastery of harmony in music and statesmanship.

Truman received a gold life membership card from James Petrillo, president of the Musicians Union. In addition to the card, Mr. Truman was given a silver plaque hailing him as champion of world peace, whose mastery of harmony contributed so largely to the world fellowship of man.—United Press.

Steps Taken To Restore Order

Capetown, January 17.

South Africa has decided to appoint a Judicial Commission of Inquiry to investigate the causes of the Durban race riots, Dr. Daniel Malan, the Prime Minister, announced this afternoon.

A statement issued by the Premier after the Cabinet met said the inquiry will undertake without delay a thorough investigation into the causes and circumstances surrounding the riots.

The composition of the Commission will be announced soon.

The statement says the Government learned with concern of the disturbances in Durban and vicinity, in which Africans and Indians were involved. It is the duty of the Government to maintain law and order and suppress mass violence with all vigour.

The necessary steps in that direction had promptly and effectively been taken.

The Government is satisfied that the situation is under effective control after hearing reports from the Ministers of Justice and Defence—Mr. C. R. Swarts and Mr. F. C. Erasmus—who have just returned from Durban.

The conditions call for immediate relief measures and the Government is consulting the Administrator of Natal to determine the extent of the immediate needs.

It has asked that the information be supplied without delay.

Death Roll

The Government will remain in close touch with the provincial administration of Natal and has also instructed the Secretary for Social Welfare to go to Natal as soon as possible to collect information on the spot.

The death roll in the Durban riots rose to 111 today when six more victims died in hospital. It is feared that more bodies will be found under rubble and in burned-out houses.

The riot areas were quiet today, and the only incident after midnight was an attempt by four Africans to fire an Indian house in the Cato Manor area, the black spot of the recent troubles.

Police caught them in the act and arrested three of them. Before midnight, one African was hit with a stone and one African woman was shot dead by Indians. Four arrests were made. Four more Indian houses were burned down last night.

Most Africans returned to work today and Indians are trickling back to their wrecked and gutted homes from police-guarded emergency camps.

Smuts Statement

General Jan Smuts, former Premier, denied on his arrival here today that he had blamed the Government for the riots.

General Smuts told Reuter that he had said at Randfontein on Saturday that the outbreak was the fruit of racial politics and that racial politics led to racial strife.

(Reuter reported him on Saturday as saying at Randfontein that South Africa is fastening the first fruits of the Government's racially repressive policies.)

General Smuts declined today to comment on the riots except to describe them as unfortunate. More than 100 Europeans, Indians and Africans appeared before a magistrate's court today to face charges arising from the riots. The charges included arson, public violence, theft, possession of revolvers and other lethal weapons and entering premises.

As police witnesses were absent on duty, all cases were postponed. More than 470 non-European, mostly Africans, are in prison awaiting charges.

Four Reasons

The Natal Deputy Commissioner of Police, Lieutenant Colonel C. R. Van Roven, said there are four reasons for the riots:

1. The assault of an African on Thursday by an Indian and rumours that the African was dead caused the spark.
2. The frequency in the past of Indian attacks on lonely natives—when a case went to court there were always five to six Indians present to outweigh the evidence of a native victim.
3. The Indians have been in the habit of charging natives black market prices for inferior goods.
4. Evidence that natives receive unfair treatment on Indian buses.

"I believe that the cause is more of an economic nature than for any other reason," he said. "The natives are frustrated because they cannot hit back at the Indian treatment."—Reuter.

BROADCASTS TO COUNTER PROPAGANDA IN FAR EAST

London, January 17.

The British Government's plans to counter the propaganda of Communism in the Far East include the resumption of short-wave broadcasts to "occupied areas" as employed throughout the war.

British broadcasting of radio said a plan will be submitted for an extension of the British Broadcasting Corporation, including the establishment of a station in Singapore costing £330,000.

The station will be heard all over Asia and will be one of the dominating high-power transmitters in the Far East.

The agreement between the British Government and the British Broadcasting Corporation for taking over and transforming the old low-power Foreign Office installation will come before Parliament for formal ratification on Thursday.

Singapore will have some of its own programmes and in addition will relay many broadcasts addressed to the Far East from London in Japanese, Chinese, Siamese, Indonesian, Malay, Dutch and Burmese.

The main language will be English.—United Press and Reuter.

Agreement With Bao Dai Near

Cannes, January 17.

An agreement between French officials and Bao Dai appears to be in prospect.

This follows a second conference on the formation of the new French-sponsored government for war-torn Indo-China.

Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, told reporters that he is confident that an agreement can be reached quickly, with the French urging Bao Dai to head the new pro-French government.

EGYPTIAN ENVOY TO INDIA

New Delhi, January 17.

Ismael Kamel Bey, first Egyptian envoy to India, presented his credentials to the Governor-General of India here today.

Welcoming the Ambassador, the Governor-General hoped that his presence in Delhi will help to draw still closer the ties of friendship between India and Egypt.

Kamel Bey later placed a wreath where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated.—Reuter.

TOMMY HANDLEY

London, January 17.

A memorial service for Tommy Handley will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, January 27.

One of the organisers said today that the service is being held so that members of the public, who cannot hear the funeral service, can attend.—Reuter.

RITA HAYWORTH TO MARRY ALY KHAN

Cannes, January 17.

Prince Aly Khan and Miss Rita Hayworth, the film actress, announced at Golfe Juan, near Cannes, today that they intend to marry as soon as he is free to do so.

Prince Aly said later that his marriage to Miss Hayworth will probably take place in France, and in all likelihood at Le Cannet, where his father is living.

The Prince told the press that the Aga Khan has approved the marriage. Miss Hayworth, he said, will hold a press conference herself as soon as she has recovered from influenza.

Asked whether the actress will continue to appear in films, Prince Aly said that she is still under contract to a Hollywood studio.

Nothing has been decided about religion yet," he said in reply to questions. Miss Hayworth is a Catholic and the Prince is a Mohammedan.

The pair arrived in Cannes on Friday after spending a two-week holiday in Switzerland. Miss Hayworth is said to be under contract to resume film work in Hollywood next week.

Situation To Be "Stabilised"

Prince Aly told reporters: "I have refrained from commenting on reports which have appeared recently in the press concerning my personal affairs. By mutual consent, my wife and I have been separated for more than three years. Divorce formalities were begun nearly a year ago and as soon as they are finished, Rita and I will stabilise our situation, which has hitherto given occasion for unfortunate comments in the press.

"I am going to marry Miss Hayworth as soon as I am free. In these circumstances, I hope that private affairs will be treated with the habitual consideration which is accorded to the private affairs of people in general."

The Prince also released a statement on behalf of Miss Hayworth, who was not present. This said: "I am in complete agreement with the statements which the Prince has given to the press today. I am waiting for him to be free to marry him."

Prince Aly is 38. He was married to the Honourable Mrs. Noel Guinness, eldest sister of Lord Clurston, in 1939. They have two sons.

Partner Says: "It's Swell"

Miss Hayworth's marriage to the film actor and director, Orion Welles, was finally dissolved last month. They have a four-year old daughter, Rebecca.

In Hollywood today Rita Hayworth's father said that he thinks it swell that his movie star daughter is going to marry her Indian Prince.

Eduardo Cansino, dancing teacher, said: "That sounds good. I'm glad to hear that, when informed that his daughter and Prince Aly Khan will marry."

Cansino said that having a fabulously rich prince for a son-in-law will not make any more difference to him than having the boy Zehus Orson Welles.

"I still have to work for a living," he said. "So long as Rita is happy and it's for her own good, I'm glad."

Cansino said he understood his daughter is trying to sell her home here, indicating that she plans to live abroad with Aly Khan.—Reuter and United Press.

MONTY BACK FROM HOLLAND

Odham, January 17.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chairman of the Western Union Commanders-in-Chief, returned by air from The Hague today and landed at Odham airport.

He had been engaged in talks with Dutch military chiefs.

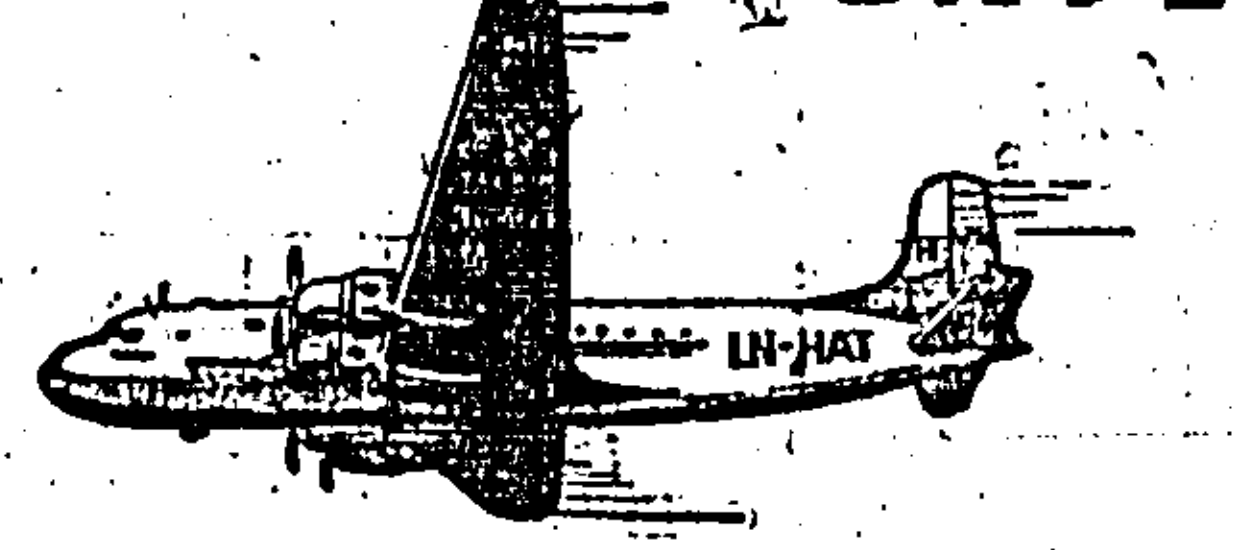
At the Hague, an official Government statement on the conference said: "The talks took place in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and made it clear that The Netherlands, within the limits of its financial and economic possibilities, is fully prepared to make a proportional contribution towards the realisation of plans for the defence of Western Europe, with the leadership of which Field Marshal Lord Montgomery has been entrusted."—Reuter.

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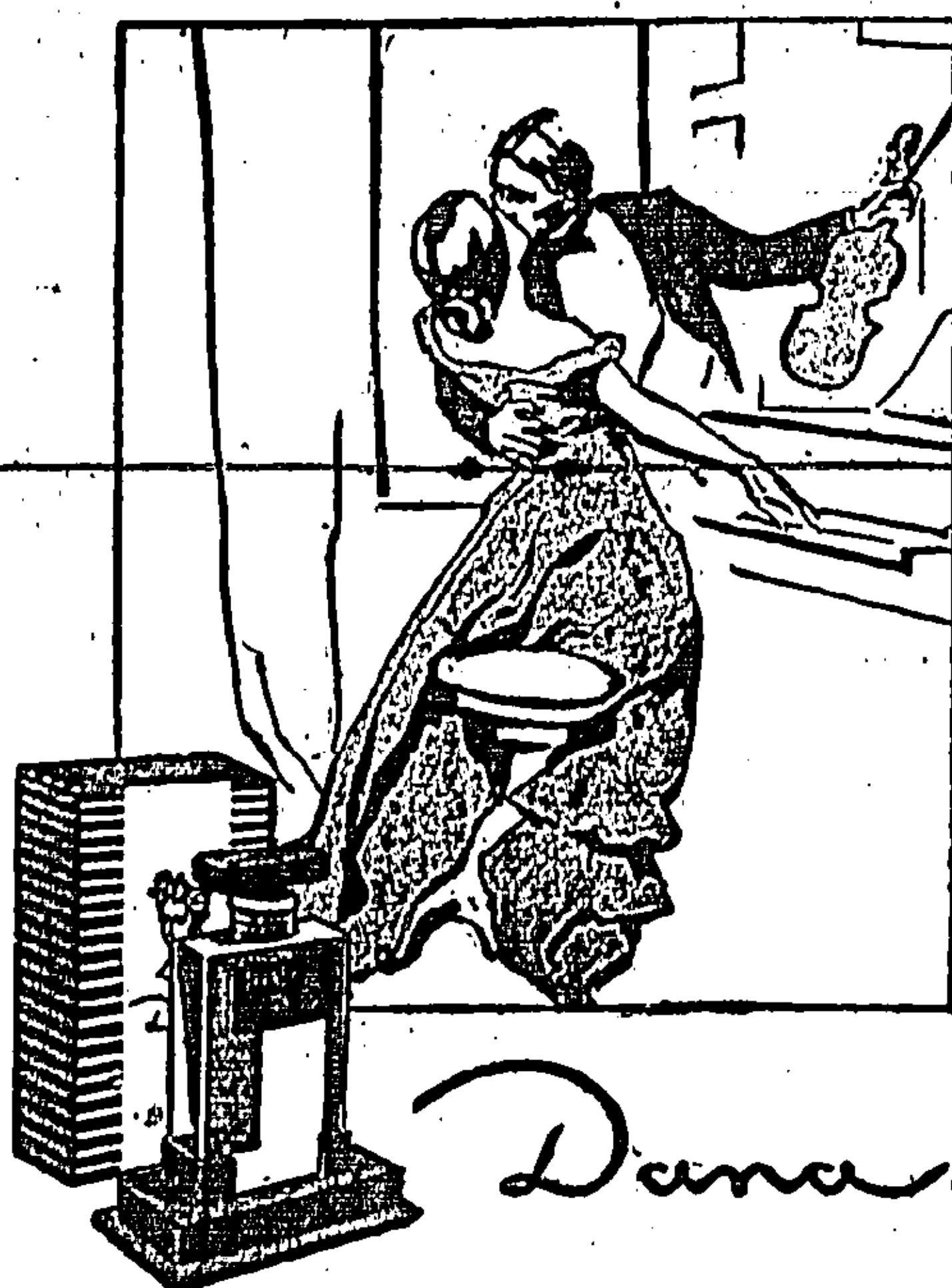
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Woman Today

SMART COATS USE FUR WITH FABRIC

By Jane Barry

Perhaps the oldest known vanity of woman is fur, but in modern times furs lost their appeal to many women because of the cruelty of trapping fur-bearing animals for purposes of personal adornment.

Quite recently, however, the practice of raising foxes, mink, and other animals on farms has eliminated this particular feature in connection with some furs used in fashion.

Fashion itself encourages the business of the fur farm, since most of the fashionable furs of today are cross-breeds—the platinum-fox and platinum-mink. In France fur farms or ranches are rapidly gaining ground.

In recent seasons there has been a big increase in the variety of furs used by the leading Paris houses. The novelty fur, amusing to look at, inexpensive to buy, and often the fashion hit of the season, was less common in France than in the United States during pre-war years, but shortage of costly imported furs during the war years taught French furriers to manage with little.

First Place in Popularity

This winter panther has first place in popularity. Not a furrier's collection without its panther coat, not a dress collection without its panther-trimmed coats, jackets, and even dresses.



Note that many of the leading houses stress the smoother pelts, the closest curled astrakhan, rather than the longer-haired pelts which dominated last season.

This winter skunk, fox, racoon, etc., have fewer followers and are largely relegated to sportswear, with the exception of fox, which maintains its appeal for evening wraps.

Interesting new developments in the working of furs have been shown in Paris recently. Many coats are worked in bands such as mink, kolinsky, ermine, and fish; and even musquash is diagonally treated across the backs and in the sleeves with the pelts worked vertically down the fronts. There is less emphasis on yokes and very few sun-ray effects are used from the back of the shoulders.

This is partly due to the fact that collars have taken on new importance and many fur coats have high-standing detachable collars, some of the astrakhan models from Revillon's collection being embroidered with soutache braid in order to give them additional stiffening.

Single Hook Or Button

Fastenings are a point of some importance. Nearly every straight or loosely fitted fur coat owns to a single hook or button, sometimes a casually knotted sash cord at the throat, otherwise it falls unfashioned to its doom.

The average redingote is belted at the waist, or wraps over to close with an invisible hook at the waist. Buttons are right out of the picture just now.

Half And Half Combination

Where short wraps of the jacket or swaggy-coat type appear, there is unlimited variety from which buyers are not excluded. The most popular line of all is that with a swinging back, often with a stiffened backward fluting line beneath which you must allow for a pencil-slim skirt if the effect is to be what Paris orders. Certain boleros following this trend are little more than short circular cape effects into which sleeves are mounted.

Capes of all lengths from the shoulders to the thighs are much in evidence. Among the most effective are the broadtail capes shown by Pierre Balmain with linings of smooth facecloth in pastel colours. Navy-grey broadcloth may line a black broadtail cape, while a dusky lilac-pink lining is equally effective. Colourful linings dominate throughout the range of 1948-49 furs, Jacques Heim introducing a checked wool lining to a sealskin coat, while Molyneux favours light green or pink satin linings in certain models.

Where it is a question of making the most of last season's furs, I cannot do better than recommend the idea of a coat carried out in almost equal portions of fur and fabric. Like the model I saw recently with black sealskin back and sleeves joined to fronts of black, blue, and red tartan overcoating. Immensely popular also in Paris today are fur linings in cloth coats.

Many women look upon them as more elegant and better suited to the spirit of the times than a more ostentatious display of fur. Thus you will see such effective models as a black cloth coat lined with lynx or wolf and a canary-yellow, velvet cloth coat lined with gray squirrel.

Robert Piguet uses racoon as a lining to a pinach-green bolero or jacket worn with a dress to match. Beaver or nutria makes an equally effective lining of this nature, but Robert Piguet also caters to the feminine type, of woman who can still wear a tippet and carry a little barrel muff with chic.

FASHION DESIGNER'S IMPRESSIONS OF H.K.

By JANET MARTIN

Miss Tina Leser, well known American fashion designer, has arrived in Hong Kong on a round-the-world tour in search of new ideas for next year's fashions.

Miss Leser, who won the Coty Award for designing in 1945 and the Nieman-Marcus Award in 1946, is chief designer for leading fashion houses in America. She lectures at universities and, in her spare time, designs gowns for some of the famous stars of stage and screen.

Among her first impressions of Hong Kong are the richness and beauty of the Chinese silks and brocades, some of which she has selected to take back to the States.

"The Chinese girls," she says, "have excellent taste in blending colours, and their accessories are particularly well chosen." She would like to see less embroidery on some of the gowns, for too much is difficult to take in all at once and detracts from the beauty of the work.

Miss Leser finds material for ideas and inspiration for modern fashions among the decor, art and porcelain of the East. Fashion, she believes, is becoming universal.

Just as the Chinese girl, with her traditionally styled gown, can use many of the accessories from the West, so the West can take ideas from countries all over the world, as, for instance, the mandarin-style embroidered jackets which are enjoying a vogue for evening wear.

Modern Inspiration

Her mission is to bring the beauties of the fine arts, previously available only to the wealthy and the collector, as inspiration to the modern world of fashion.

Of trends for spring and forecasts for summer, Miss Leser has many interesting comments. Back fullness is still a leading feature of the spring collections, but there is a feeling for a return to straighter lines.

Hemlines are a little higher, 13 inches from the floor for tailored clothes, about 10 inches for afternoon frocks. Short-hair styles are likely to continue as long as

dresses are long... they give better balance to the figure.

Headline news for the summer are the glamorous new cottons, iridescent cotton tulle for town wear, cottons brocaded like damask, brocaded cotton prints, applique linens in contrasting colours. Full skirted styles, with all-round fullness will still be popular for summer wear, and are firm favourite with the teen age group fashions.

Gay Play Clothes

Play clothes, Miss Leser claims, are America's contribution to world fashion. Play clothes are gay clothes, for any time of the day or night when leisure hours are to be enjoyed America understands them and combines the gayest mixtures... maybe a handloom woven skirt, swinging full, with a plain tailored blouse... or a jewelled apron skirt topped by a plain black sweater.

Accessory notes to remember include hats... small and side sloped, with bigger ones to come for summer. Shoes are simpler—the swing back and the platform sole are right out.

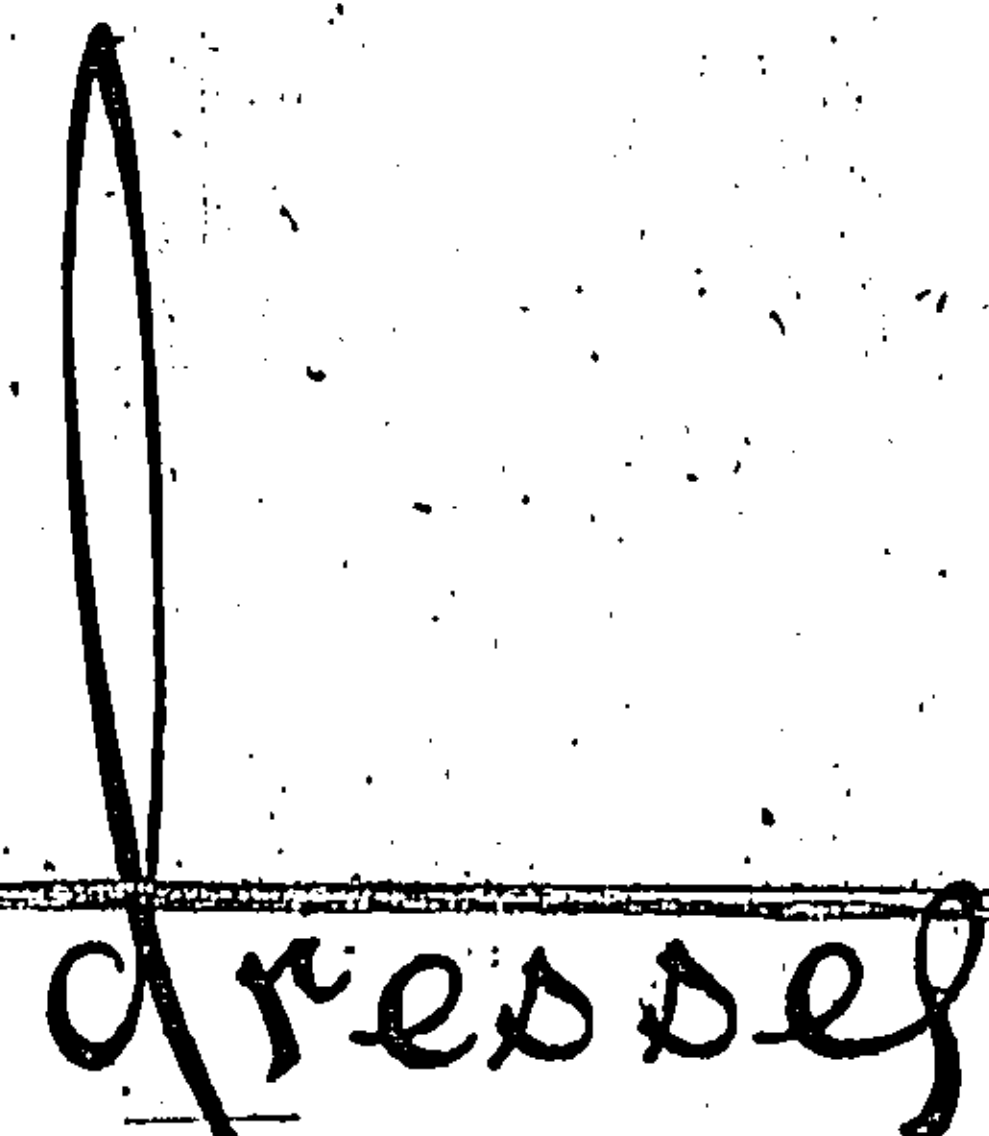
Feature pockets are now... hip pockets and bustle pockets which add interest to back fullness. Jewellery... more chunky than ever, but here a note of warning, for it must be carefully chosen for the individual wearer. Semi precious stones and quartzes, mixed with pearls and diamonds are favourite.

Miss Leser wears a striking brooch and bracelet set of her own design... the bracelet of irregular chunks of quartz, tinted rose, green and lapis, set in gold... the flower brooch to match, with pearls and diamonds added.



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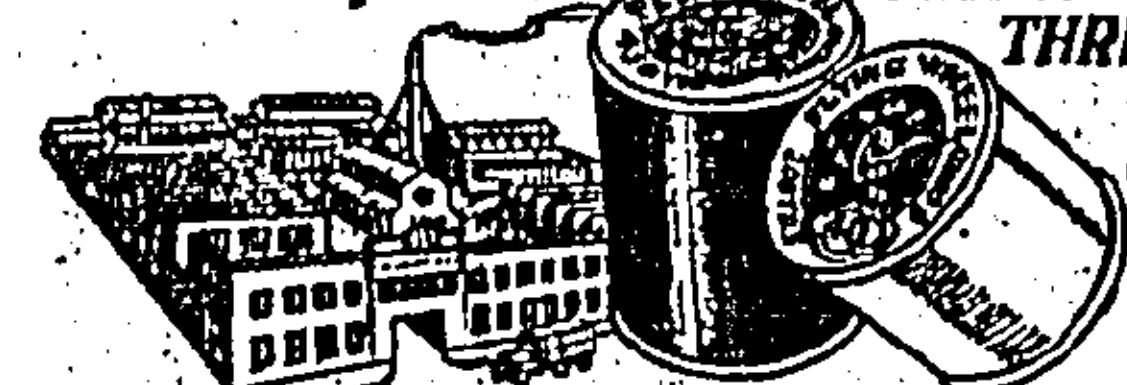
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REPUBLIC TO PROPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE DUTCH

Tension Will Relax This Year

Washington, January 17. The leading foreign policy authority in the Republican Party, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said today that a relaxation of the tension between the United States and the Republic is probable this year.

In a copyrighted interview with the United States News, he said: "The Soviet leaders themselves are not affirmatively seeking better relations with the United States."

But he claimed: "Subject to accidents or stupidity, there will be a gradual lessening of tension."

He said this will occur primarily because the Communist tactics of aggression are becoming less potent, they are becoming better known, discovered, exposed and nullified and because the internal problems of the Communist States require urgently more attention.

Mr. Dulles "insists that a new Western Europe must include Germany."

"The difficulty today, however, is that Western Europe is not strong enough or vigorous enough to feel that it can digest Germany," he asserted.—Reuter.

HUGH DALTON IN PARIS

Paris, January 17. Mr. Hugh Dalton arrived in Paris by air tonight to lead the British delegation to the European Unity talks opening here tomorrow.

He said: "We hope to finish our work this week. We shall thus be able to prepare a report for the Western Union Foreign Ministers to consider when they meet in London on January 26."

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says Mr. Dalton took with him proposals which had been fully thrashed out by the Cabinet and which were also discussed by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, during their London talks last week.—Reuter.

EX-PREMIER ON FORGERY CHARGE

Batavia, January 17. The former Premier of East Indonesia, Nadjamuddin Djoene, today heard the prosecutor of Macassar court, in the Celebes, demand a four-year sentence on him for misuse of authority.

The former Premier was charged with forgery and receiving. Sentence will be pronounced later. Nadjamuddin was dismissed from office in 1947. Last October he was placed on trial, freed, re-arrested and freed again all in one day when his defence counsel successfully pleaded that accusations against him were legally unsound.—Reuter.

Imprisonment Of Republic Leaders

The Hague, January 18. The Netherlands Government says it did not know that the Indonesian Republic leaders are confined under guard in a building on Bangka Island.

It added that it is sorry about it.

The United Nations Good Offices Committee said on Sunday.

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New Delhi, January 18. Economic sanctions against the Dutch will be recommended by Indonesian Republican delegates to the Asian conference opening here on Thursday on the Dutch-Indonesian dispute.

The Dutch, in what they termed police action, have taken over important Republican centres in Indonesia and detained leaders. The military moves took place in the last month.

About 20 Asian and Pacific nations are expected to be represented at the conference, called by the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, to consider what steps, if any, shall be taken as a result of the Dutch action.

A spokesman said that a Republican memorandum to the conference will recommend a time table for withdrawal of Dutch troops, establishment of an Interim Government and setting up of a United States of Indonesia.

If the conference accepts the Republican recommendations, the

Increased Use Of Wood Suggested

London, January 18. The British Timber Development Association called yesterday for increased use of wood in British industries and for increased imports of timber.

A memorandum sent by the Association to Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said that the use of wood in place of steel, concrete and aluminium for many purposes will also save dollars and cut building costs which have climbed steeply since the war.

Many substitutes for timber are being bought from dollar countries and many of the substitutes are more expensive than the timber they replace, the memo argues.

"Timber," it said, is one of the cheapest of raw materials. Further use of it will release manpower and productive capacity engaged in the manufacture, transport and assembly of substitute materials.—Associated Press.

Explanation Of Akaba Move

London, January 17. A Foreign Office spokesman today said the Transjordan Government invoked the Anglo-Transjordan treaty about 10 days before the start of the movement of British troops to Akaba, the Transjordan port.

He was commenting on a reported Israeli statement that a Transjordan spokesman had claimed that there had been no initiative from the Transjordan side.

Questioned about reports that British troops had arrived before, not after, Transjordan had invoked the treaty, the spokesman said the arrival of British troops in Akaba had erroneously been reported in advance.—Reuter.

Rangoon Reveals Officers' Plot

Rangoon, January 17. A Government communique tonight disclosed a plot by ex-army officers to overthrow the Burmese Government before January 21, 1949.

It said that mutineers of the Burma Rifles, who deserted from the ranks last August, are enlisting the support of the "White Band Volunteers" in Upper Burma.

Government troops frustrated an attempt by the mutineers to march on Rangoon last year.

The communique also reported that a Japanese "henchman" of the White Flag Communist leader, Thakin Than Tun, is leading insurgent bands in the Prome district, about 170 miles North West of Rangoon.

In the Tegu district Communist insurgents are instigating the Burmese to attack the Karens, the communique added.

The majority of the "Peoples' Volunteer Organisation" the military branch of the "Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League" in Burma—which joined the "White Flag Communists" in their revolt against Premier Thakin Nu's Burmese Government in the summer of 1948 are known as the "White Band Volunteers."

They oppose Thakin Nu's political programme and demand that Burmese policy be framed in consultation with the insurgent Communists.

The White Band Volunteers were expelled from the AFPFL in August, 1948.—Reuter.

IRAQI MINISTER

Baghdad, January 17. Kahlil Ismail, Under-Secretary in the Finance Ministry, was today appointed Iraqi Finance Minister.

He is regarded as one of the Arab world's leading finance and economic experts.—Reuter.

GREEK REBELS IN FULL RETREAT

Athens, January 17. The Greek Air Force today roared over the barren Vermion Mountains, strafing and dive-bombing a broken line of retreating guerillas in vengeance for the sacked city of Naoussa.

The General Staff said that ground troops, pursuing the fleeing rebels, split them into two columns which are suffering heavily from Air Force attacks on the mountains that rise 3,000 feet above Naoussa. West of the city and South of Yugoslav border.

A communique indicated that the pursuit was not enough to force the guerillas to release large numbers of hostages they kidnapped from Naoussa after

ILO To Meet In Manila?

Manila, January 18. The Philippine Government has invited the International Labour Organization Headquarters to hold its Asian conference in Manila next year.

The conference originally was fixed for China. The invitation was extended by President Quirino through Raghunath Rao, Assistant Director-General of the ILO, during a conference.—Associated Press.

London Planning For Crowds

London, January 17. Schemes for dealing with the crowds who are expected to attend the 1951 Exhibition were disclosed today.

New foot-bridges across the Thames from Charing Cross and across York Road from Waterloo Station will bring visitors to the Exhibition.

New roundabouts on the roads outside Waterloo Station will be erected to help traffic flow freely.

The schemes, designed to cope with millions of visitors, were announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison, when he started the hammer which drove in the first pile for the new 1,700 feet river wall along the South bank of the river.

The wall, which will extend from the Country Hall to a point just down-stream from Waterloo Bridge, will cost about £250,000 and the reclaimed land of four and a half acres is to be laid out as public space and gardens.

Mr. Morrison also announced that the London County Council and the Lambeth and Southwark Boroughs are arranging for a great spring cleaning and the brightening up of all streets surrounding the exhibition in time for the 1951 opening.—Reuter.

SJAHRIR TO CONFER WITH DUTCH PREMIER

Lake Success, January 18. The Netherlands said yesterday that Sutan Sjahrir, former Premier of the Indonesian Republic, has agreed to meet in Batavia today with the Dutch Premier, Willem Drees.

The announcement was made in the UN Security Council by J. H. Van Royen, Netherlands representative.

Van Royen told newsmen later that this is intended as the first step toward renewed Dutch-Indonesian peace negotiations.

Sjahrir was one of the Republican leaders arrested in December when the Dutch launched their military action which quickly overran Republican territory.

The Dutch statement came as the Security Council ended a general debate on the Indonesian problem. General A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada, this month's Council President, hopes that a formal proposal will be ready on Wednesday afternoon when the Council meets again.

The Indonesian representative, T. N. Palar, continued his insistence on firm UN action against the Dutch to force their withdrawal to lines held before the recent attack.

"Hunt For Puppets" An Indonesian spokesman, commenting on the Dutch announcement regarding Sjahrir, expressed doubt any peace negotiations are even being considered by the Indonesians. The spokesman said Sjahrir may have been designated to talk with Drees merely to get information.

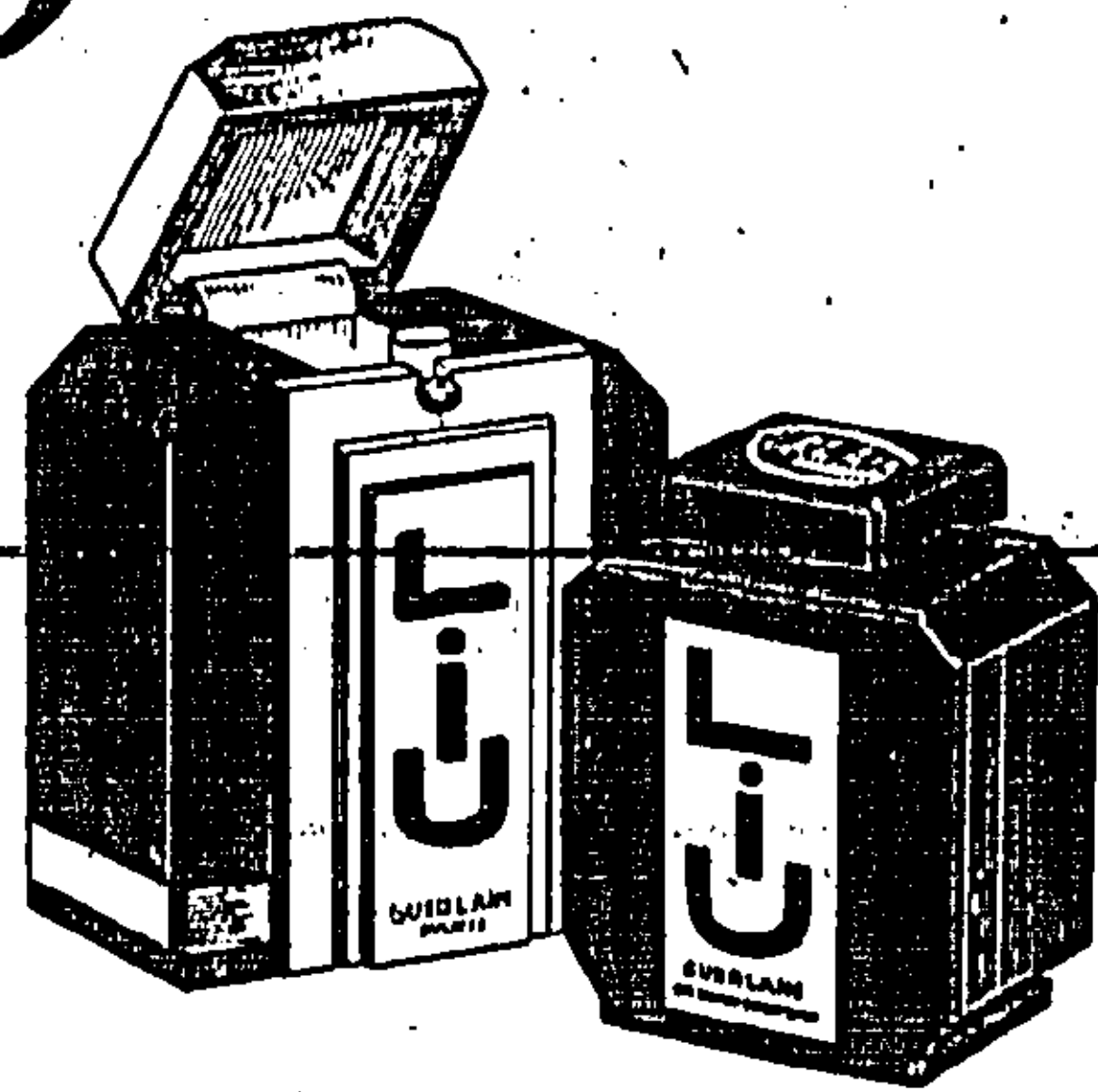
General MacNaughton agreed, in the meantime, to see what arrangements can be made to bring any designated Republican officials to Lake Success to confer with the delegation here.

Informed quarters believe that Sjahrir may be designated to come to Lake Success. It is recalled that he appealed before the Security Council in the early stages of the Indonesian problem in 1947.

Charles Thamboe, alternate Indonesian delegate, said the Dutch are feverishly hunting for puppet and the fact that they are making an approach to Sjahrir shows how little they know of the Indonesian mentality.

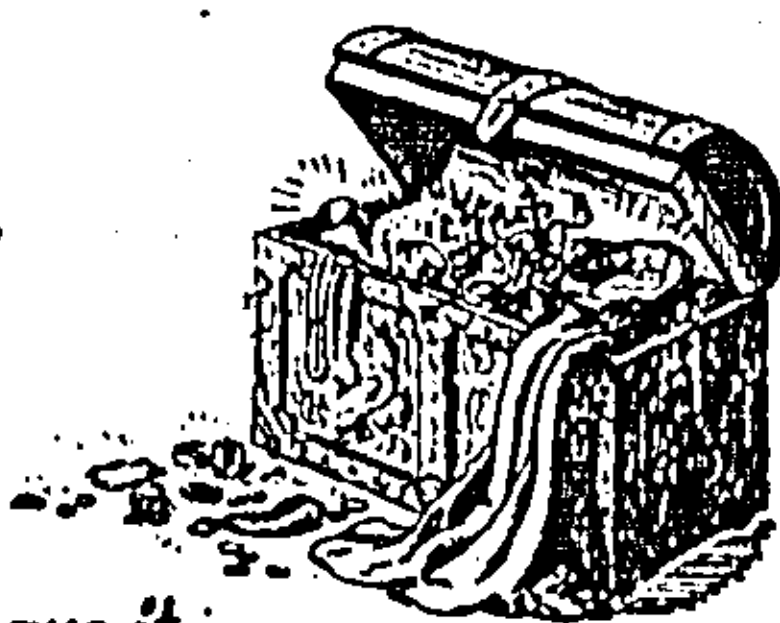
U.S. Interest In fact, he said, the Republican delegation at Lake Success is hoping that President Soekarno will designate Sjahrir to come here.

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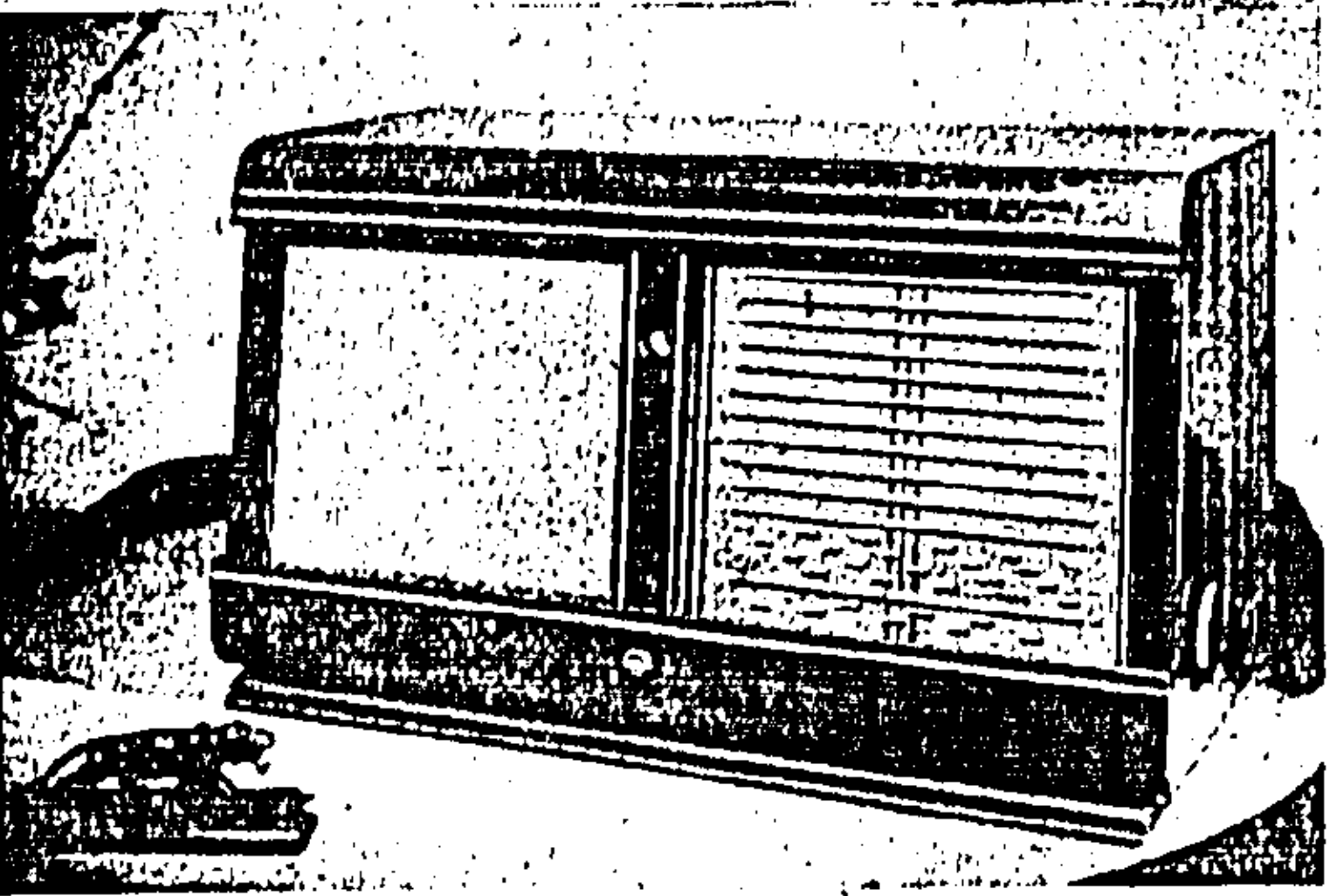
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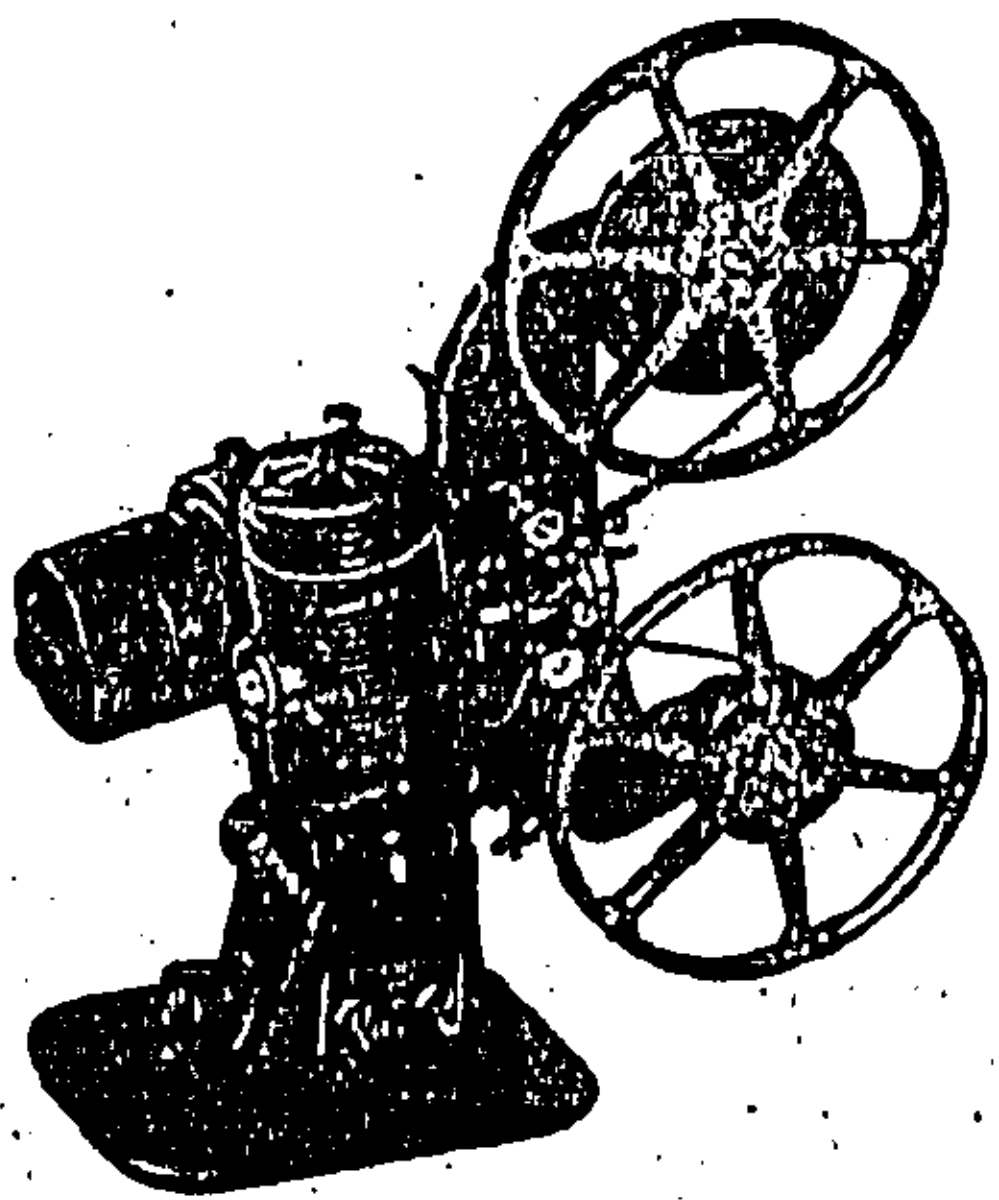
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Editorial

The "China Mail" staff were talking the other day about the Derby, and what to do with the money "when" they have won it. That is, each was expecting to weigh seven lakhs by today. That is, all of them excepting myself. I was too busy thinking about how to fill this column.

"What would you do?" somebody asked me. "What do you think of our teen agers," I replied, quite irrelevantly. "Quite an irritating lot," came the answer, from one of our senior men.

"Come along, Pop, (that's what we call him) you're being sensitive in your old age," said one of the sports men. And from that moment all talk on the "Derby" ceased and centred on the teen agers.

Expanding his chest the sports man continued, "I think you're not giving the kids a break. After all, what if they are a little noisy these days? They are entitled to some fun. It's just that the fun in our time was a little on the restrained side. Look at them in the sports field never saw a better physically built generation."

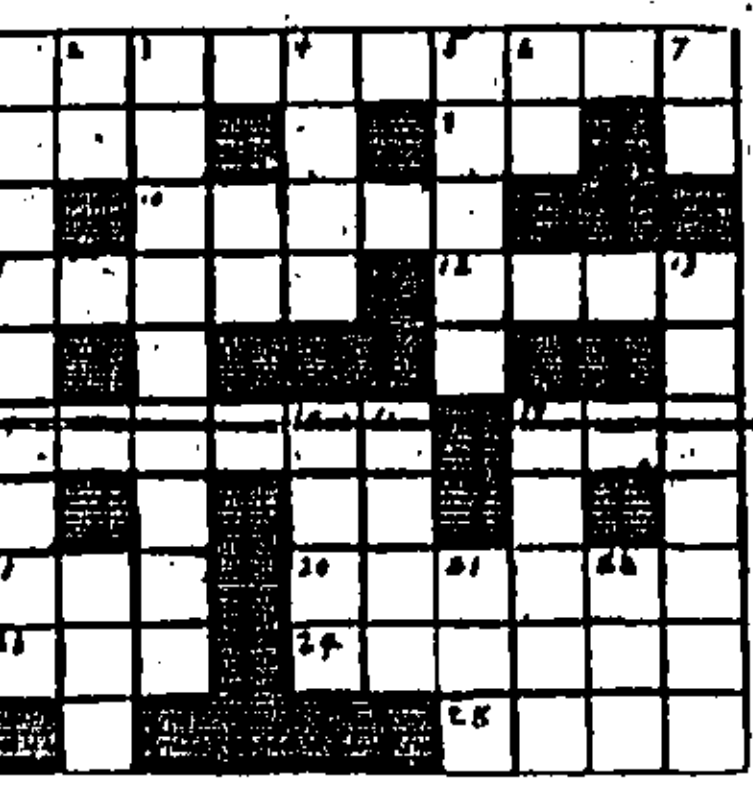
"Never known a more infantile lot either," said the man on the desk marked "Society." "You should see the sophistication they affect on the dance floor or the air they wear to a simple wedding ceremony. So unconvincing!"

"That's not true at all," said Night Editor. "Yes, I know, some of them can't wait their turn to put on high heels and the rest of it. But I think they are generally successful and absolutely enchanting when they play at being grown up. And dressing themselves and holding themselves correctly like the young ladies they are, and most of all trying to behave like young ladies, are important factors towards their growing up correctly. Or do you expect them to be cuddling dolls at 17?"

Someone mentioned slang, indicating an article in a magazine. Returned our eloquent Night Editor. "Yes, I know, WOW means according to them, 'worn-out wolf DDT, drop dead twice' and so on. What sense is that to us? Very little, I'll admit. But it means something to

Crossword

Two prizes will be awarded (\$5 and \$4) for the first two solutions opened. Send in your entries marked CROSSWORD, to the Editor, Teen Age Topics, "China Mail," Windsor House, Hong Kong.



Across
1. Interchange of views.
8. An insect.
9. Pronoun.
10. Verb.
11. An allowance.
12. An adventures.
13. Wolves.
14. To visualise.
15. Employ for a purpose.
20. To bring into existence.
23. Signal.
24. Regions above.
25. Portable shelter.
Down
1. Harmful.
2. Preposition.
3. A nose does it.
4. One.
5. Utensil with network.
6. Molotov always says it.
13. Between the past and the future.
15. To engrave on metal plate.
16. A wound.
17. A drudge.
19. Cry.
21. Partake of a meal.
22. A number.

them, and there's no harm done." "Yes," chirped our harbour reporter. "There are more things in Heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy." They were still arguing when an elderly visitor came in. "I've got two of my own," he replied. Just thought I'd tell you.

Personality

Dennis Collaco is 17, and was born in Hong Kong. He attended La Salle College and passed his school leaving certificate last year.

Dennis is studying shorthand and accountancy now. His ambition is to be a chartered accountant.

Asked about his hobbies, Dennis said that he can best be described as the outdoor type. "I read a good deal and my interest in books is mostly centred upon action, adventure and murder mysteries. My regular authors are David Hume and Edgar Poe."

Dancing is a regular pastime with Dennis, and swing music he likes best for his leisure. His favourite bandleader is Harry James. Of the vocalists he likes "Bing and the Andrews Sisters." Dennis is most of all, a sportsman. In school he was the 100' to



DENNIS COLLACO

400 metres champion of the tracks, and has represented La Salle in inter-school competitions.

Swimming is his summer sport. In 1947, he swept the board in the boys' swimming events at the VRC. He is doing winter exercises to prepare himself for Colony competition next year.

Dennis also plays badminton, tennis and follows other fields diligently.

"I go to the movies when they are good. And they are good when there is action or colour and music in them," he says.

Jealousy

Jealousy is a nasty, gnawing little termite that should be dealt with as soon as it is recognised. Left to flourish, it can make the nicest people self-conscious, miserable and, worse still, bitter. Jealousy is a thing that can be squashed if you marshal your self-control, your sense of fairness, and, most important, your ability to laugh at yourself, to help you in the squashing.

If you can't be pleased about the attributes of your friends, proud of their personality or appearance, at least try not to envy them. You'll only build a hard little shell around your own talents, that will take a lot of hard won experience to crack.

Food Problem

Do you get 'into a fit about what to serve party guests when they clamour for supper? Aren't you just a little bit tired of the old hot dog and the choose-your-own-sandwich? Then try the Make-your-own-supper now and then with boys and girls mixing the sort of food they like.

A sundae supper is a good idea, and it's easy to prepare. Begin by giving each guest a scoop of ice-cream in a bowl (never mind the cold!). Then show him to a table set with little dishes of caramel sauce, chocolate sauce, honey, fruit salad (tinned will do), shredded coconut, chopped jelly and let him mix just the sort of ice-cream sweet he wants.

Or another idea, choose the Dagwood recipe for a sandwich. What do you need? Any and everything!

Answer

"Disputed." Every letter must be accompanied by the name and address of its writer. This will not be published if the writer so wishes. But the Topics will not publish any letter without receiving the name of the writer, particularly so, when the letter directs criticism at a third party.—Ed.

Platter Chatter

Tin Pan Alley lyric writers have been fond of the question-mark ever since Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly? It is interesting to note that the interrogation was completely absent from the Hit Parade for nearly a year. This is, however, no indication that the lyric writers have improved in their art, as current examples of their work show that with few exceptions, their vocabulary is still confined to June, moon and croon.

There is also a marked tendency towards "humorous" lyrics and a number of funny men have had the bad taste to desecrate classics with their canine verses.

My mental picture of one of these slightly dopey personalities is that of a man cutely discharging grins as if to show his teeth to a dentist.

Johnny Mercer, on the other hand, is still writing great stuff and the only paintable corn is served by Red Ingle.

1948 in Retrospect: Peggy Lee is still improving. She sings ballads and swing with equal facility.

Sinatra is getting a better press from the critics. I still think he drags too much and lacks virility. He sounds tired, oh, so tired.

Perry Como is in good voice but why the funeral tempo on his current platters?

Dick Haymes has teamed up with the Andrews Sisters and this combination has recorded the first-rate Teresa. It would be a mistake, however, to use Dick instead of Bing for jump pieces.

Sales of Brother Bingleton's White Christmas has topped the five million mark representing a turnover of 3,000,000 U.S. dollars! A colossal sum for three minutes of easy vocalising by Bing.

The inconsistency of Stan Kenton is amazing. He would make a few excellent discs and follow with some which are nothing but a cacophony of noise—a result of wild and disconnected arrangements.

Glenn Miller, now dead four years, is still getting a good number of votes in the annual polls. The first Glenn Miller album has been in the best-seller's list for the past 110 weeks.

Nature Boy was the hit tune of 1948, proving that ballyhoo can play an important part, even in music.

My nightmare record for 1948 would be Thanks a Million dedicated to Czar Petrillo and played by the combined bands of Lombardo, Silvester and Wayne King, with vocal by Hutch.

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Betty Betz

Betty Betz, the Fairy Queen of American Teen agers, arrives at Kail Tak tomorrow.

Betty is on a tour visiting teen agers in all the countries of the world. She will stay in Hong Kong for four days leaving on January 24.

It is reported that a group of teen agers representing all the different nationalities of the local community will be meeting Betty at the airport. Other functions are being planned.

Pen Friends

Phyllis Myers, 3a, Horace Street, Malvern, SE2, Victoria, Australia. Occupation: Typist; Hobby and Sport: Tennis; Hobby: collecting snaps, dancing; Ambition: To travel. Age: 16.

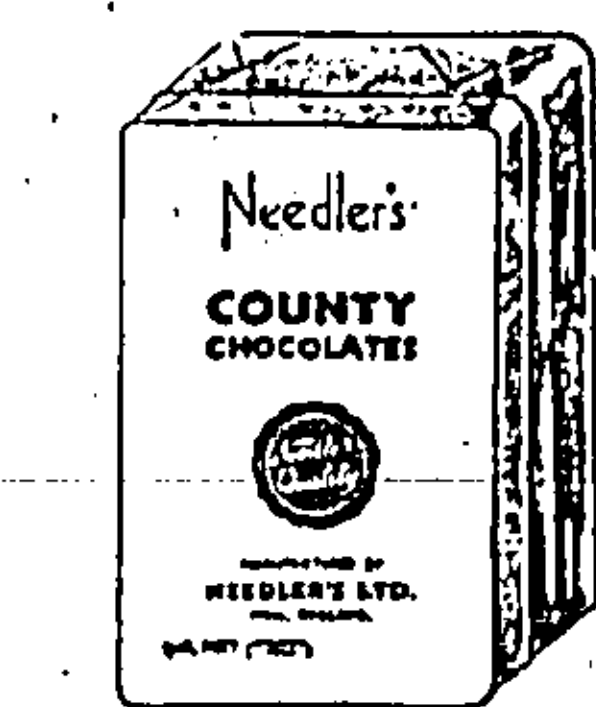
Carmel Sullivan, 20 Rugby Road, New Lambton, NSW, Australia. Occupation: Student; Favourite Sport: Tennis; Hobby: Knitting; Ambition: To be an air hostess; Age: 14.

Margaret Byrne, "Locksley," Caldwell, New South Wales, Australia. Occupation: Dress-making and home duties; Favourite Sport: Tennis; Hobby: Fancy-work; Ambition: To be a perfect house-keeper and wife. Age: 19.

Shirley Sandberg, 30 Judd Street, Cronulla, NSW, Australia. Occupation: Typist; Sport: Horse riding; Hobby: collecting poems; Ambition: to become a capable housewife. Age: 17.

Heather Coole, 33 Royal Street, Chatswood, NSW, Australia. Occupation: Stenographer; Sport: Surfing; Hobby: Photography; Ambition: To own a frock shop; Favourite book: St. Elmo. Age: 18.

Georgia Jenkins, 902 Pacific Highway, Roseville, NSW, Australia. Occupation: Stenographer; Sport: Sailing; Hobby: Photography; Ambition: To travel; Age: 16.



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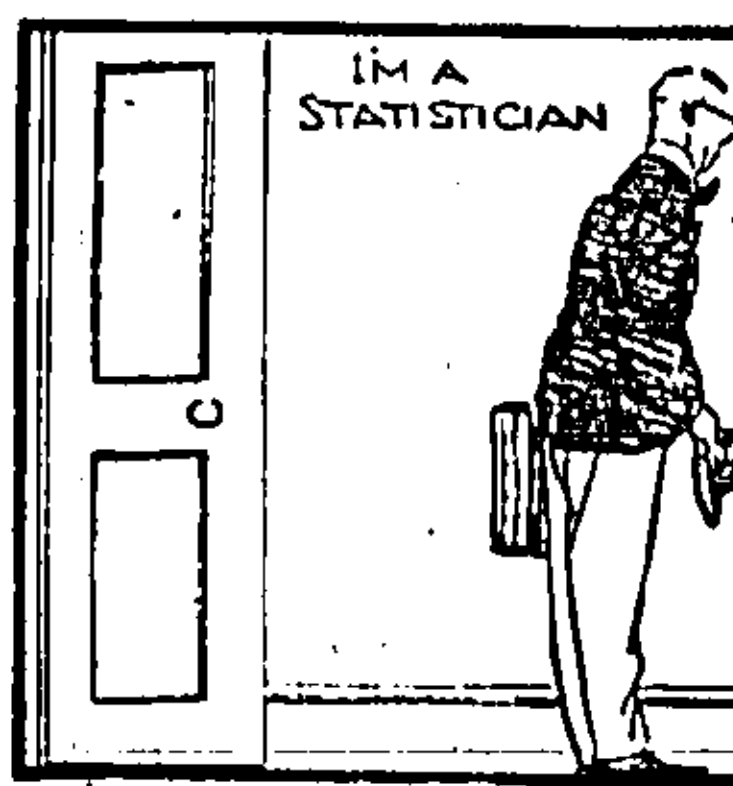
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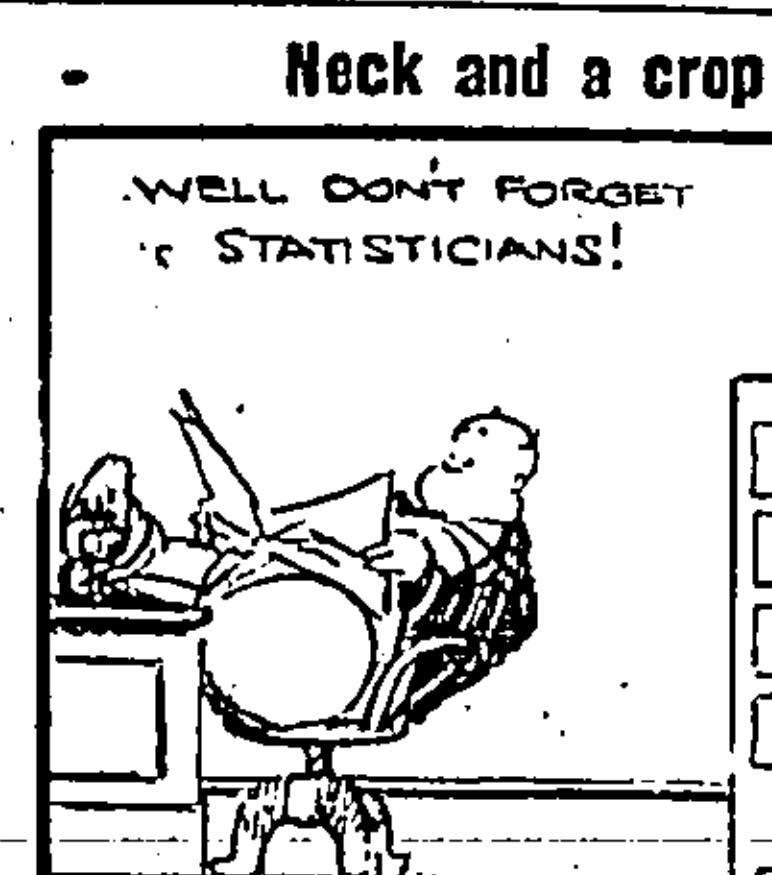
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Police talk to taxi strikers just before 41 pickets jump into police trucks and insist on voluntary arrest. This was the first disturbance since the strike began on September 22. ("China Mail" photo)



Happy Valley's new "Photo Finish" gets a last-minute check by Mr. D. L. Vinall, General Manager of the Race Finish Recording Co., Ltd., of London. ("China Mail" photo)

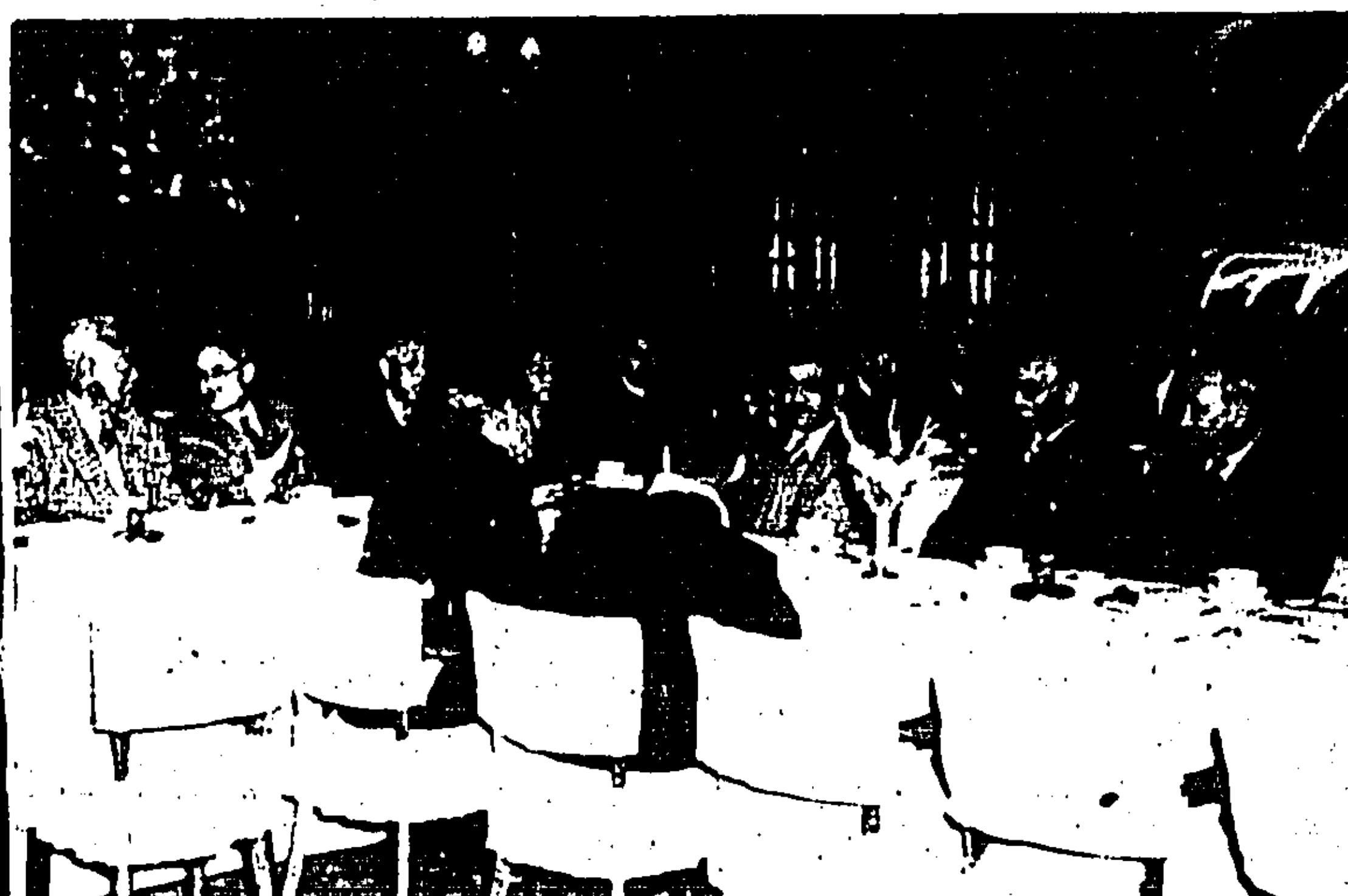


Part of the training of a BOAC hostess requires a steady hand for pouring drinks while the plane is in motion. ("China Mail" photo)

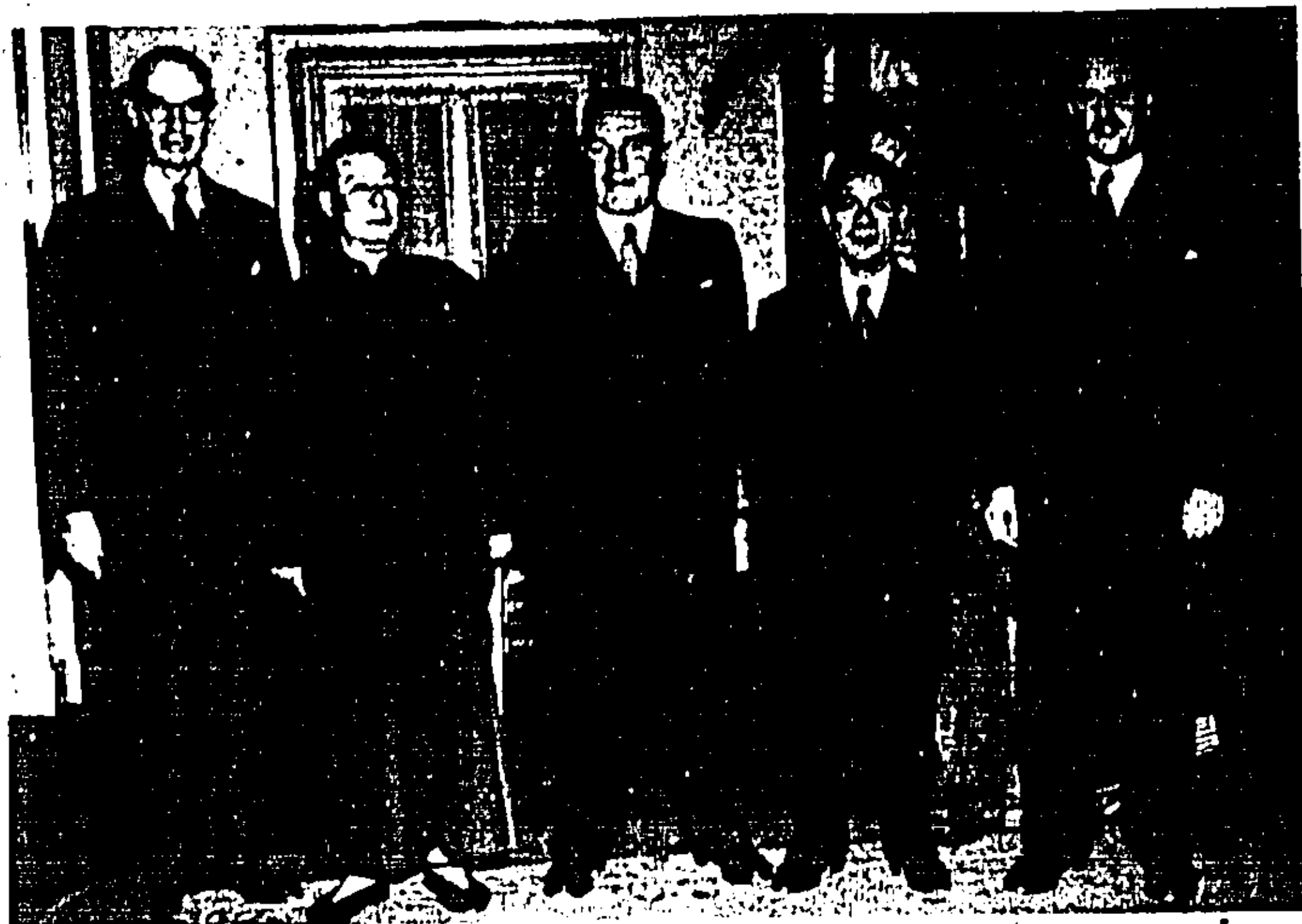
Miss A. Winthrobe demonstrates the proper technique. ("China Mail" photo)



Firemen on the job when the m.s. Anakan caught fire at Kowloon Dock on January 10. ("China Mail" photo)



The Pakistan Lawn Bowls Team, winners of the International Tournament, at a party given by the Pakistan community at the Hong Kong Hotel. Present are Chairman Mr. S. A. Ismail, A. el Arculli, U. M. Omar and members of the team. ("China Mail" photo)



In the centre is Mr. F. E. Day, Director of Messrs. A. G. Kidston & Parker Ltd., London, guest of honour at a cocktail party at the Hong Kong Hotel. The party was given by John D. Hutchison & Co. ("China Mail" photo)



Mrs. Day entertains some of her visitors. From left to right, Mrs. Orlowitz, Mrs. J. D. Clague, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Prew and Mrs. J. Wolfe. ("China Mail" photo)



In a huddle at the same party, Mr. A. S. Adamson, Manager of the Hong Kong Bank, Mr. E. Himsforth and a friend. ("China Mail" photo)



Guests at the J. D. Hutchison Party including Messrs. J. E. Patal, R. El. Lang, B. R. Singh and K. Lall. ("China Mail" photo)



Cheerful guests at Len Hutton's housewarming, pose for a group picture (King's Studio)



Hong Kong Stage Clubbers take time out from last week's production of "Treasure Island." (Ming Yuen)

Mr. Thomson and friends at the cocktail party for Mr. F. E. Day. ("China Mail" photo)



January 8 means "Birthday" for Maurice Verleysen, 23, Marie Pomeroy, 21, and Winnie Luh, 22. At St. Teresa's Clubhouse ("China Mail" photo)



The children seem awed by the photographer during a party at 10, Peak Mansions, given by Mr. and Mrs. Pearce. (Mee Cheung)



Rizal Day celebration at King's Park to greet the new year. (Victor Studio)

Mr. C. K. Kom and bride, the former Miss Wong Yee Ngar, at the Hong Kong Hotel. (King's Studio)



Peter William, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Summers, sleeps after his christening at St. Andrew's Church. ("China Mail" photo)



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"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 22nd Jan.
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"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 25th Jan.
"NINGHAI"	Singapore & Penang	25th Jan.
"FENGTIEN"	Nagasaki, Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m. 1st Feb.

Balls from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	29th Jan.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	9 a.m. 23rd Jan.
"HUNAN"	Spore & Hothow	25th Jan.
"NEWCHWANG"	Singapore	27th Jan.
"HUPEI"	Korea & Shanghai	27th Jan.
"NANCHANG"	Samparinda & Sandakan	27th Jan.
"YCHOW"	Batavia, Saigon & Swatow	27/28th Jan.
"FENGTIEN"	Java, Spore & Sibiu	28th Jan.

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"MEDON"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	14th Feb.

Sailings to

"AENEAS"	Genoa, Marseilles & Liverpool	24th Jan.
"ANCHISES"	Aden & Port Said	24th Jan.
	Havre, Liverpool	via Aden, Port Said & Casablanca
"CYCLOPS"	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow via Aden & Port Said	23rd Feb.

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2.50 p.m. 3.55 p.m. 5.10 p.m. ex-
Shanghai 11.45 a.m. ex-Singapore
12.45 p.m. 5 p.m. Yulin via Hoihow,
Canton 6 p.m.
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p.m.
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PAA ex-New York via London, Istanbul,
Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok 3.45 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Bangkok, Oslo 2.10
p.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow 12.45 p.m.
a.m. 10.10 a.m. 11 a.m. 12.30 p.m.
2.50 p.m. 3.55 p.m. 5.10 p.m. ex-
Shanghai 11.45 a.m. ex-Singapore
12.45 p.m. 5 p.m. Yulin via Hoihow,
Canton 6 p.m.
CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok 2.30
p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton 9.40 a.m.
11.40 a.m. 2.40 p.m. 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-New York via London, Istanbul,
Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok 3.45 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Bangkok, Oslo 2.10
p.m.

FRIDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Singapore 11 a.m.
CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow 12.45 p.m.
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Shanghai 11.45 a.m. ex-Singapore
12.45 p.m. 5 p.m. Yulin via Hoihow,
Canton 6 p.m.
CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok 2.30
p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton 9.40 a.m.
11.40 a.m. 2.40 p.m. 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-New York via London, Istanbul,
Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok 3.45 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Bangkok, Oslo 2.10
p.m.

Departures

TODAY

CNAC for Amoy via Swatow 7 a.m.
11.15 a.m. Canton 8.05 a.m. 8.55
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MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

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R.M.S. Canton will be closed as follows:
GPO (Parcels) 5 p.m. January 20;
(Reg.) 9.30 a.m. January 21; (Ord.)
10 a.m. January 21.
Kowloon CPO (Parcels) 5 p.m. Janu-
ary 20; (Reg.) 9 a.m. January 21;
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Canton (Kowloon) CPO 9 a.m. Noon,
2 p.m. (GPO) 9.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.
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Shipping Arrivals

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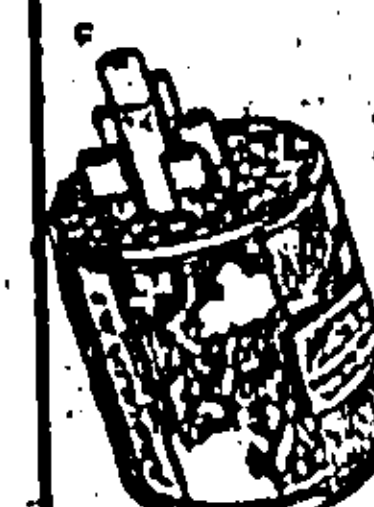
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Pereira, Gosano Bowl Way To Another Recs Win

(By "MID-ON")

"Spotty" Pereira and Eddie Gosano bowled their way to another Recreo victory last Saturday when, between them, they dismissed the strong "Scorpions" side for a paltry 74 to give the King's Park team victory by 27 runs. Recreo, with 34 points out of a possible 40 in 10 matches played thus far, retain leadership in the First Division and if present form is any criterion, they will end up the season in the same position.

The fact that they have never before carried off championship honours in the Cricket League is an added incentive to the Recreo players and, for the sporting game they play if nothing else, for one would like to see this come about.

Recreo took first knock in this match, at Chatter Road, and when they were dismissed for 101, there was more than a possibility that the "Scorpions" would be able to get the runs required for the points.

Howarth (4 for 35) and Pearce (3 for 22) were both very accurate and but for the fact that P. Soares (36) and Gerry Gosano (31) managed to stop the rot, Recreo might well have been dismissed for just about half the total.

Keon Fielding Team

Always a keen fielding team, Recreo were by no means discouraged by their poor showing in workmanlike fashion when it was Club's turn at the wicket.

Eddie Gosano (5 for 29) and Pereira (4 for 45) jumped right into their best form and bowled unchanged, only the veteran Harry Owen Hughes being able to keep his wicket intact. He went in third wicket down and was undefeated with an invaluable 24. I have seen Owen Hughes play much bigger innings but I don't remember seeing him play a more restrained knock.

In short, he played the correct type of innings, and if he had had a little more support from the rest of the side might well have pulled the game out of the fire for "Scorpions".

On the other side of the harbour, "Optimists", as though it alone for the defeat of their brother-team, beat Navy by seven wickets. Here Smith (4 for 23) and D. McLellan (4 for 9) were the heroes for "Optimists" and with Mahon helping with a useful 2 for 16, Navy were out for 54.

Club had little difficulty in scoring the required runs and after they had won everybody had a "cup", the side finally totalling 117 with Miller (31 retired) and

Movement To Change Cup Competition

London, January 17.

There is a movement afoot in English soccer circles for the complete reorganisation of the age-old system of conducting the famous English FA Cup competition.

If and when the reform is made, and there are many influential soccer folk who believe it cannot be long delayed, it will round the death knell of the Cup hopes of all the thousands of small amateur and non-League professional clubs dotted all over the country.

For the change of plan entails the barring from the competition of all but League clubs, which would mean that the Colchester and Yeovil, who each season somehow manage to assume the mantle of giants, would be forced back into the ranks of comparative obscurity.

Supporters of the new plan appreciate that the "old" non-League club will blaze a trail of glory along the long and arduous Cup road but rightly assert that for every Yeovil or Colchester that makes good, hundreds of little clubs fall by the wayside.

Practically from the start of the season, and eight months before the final is played, at Wembley, swarms of little clubs begin battling away in the preliminary rounds with no earthly chance of reaching the later stages, let alone Wembley.

So why, ask the "new dealers," continue with such a farcical system? The "proposed" new scheme is certain to be welcomed by Third Division clubs. At present they are forced to fight among themselves for the first two rounds proper in the knowledge that victory or defeat in those early rounds could mean the difference between a fat credit balance or a crippling loss on the season's workings.

Equal Terms

Under the new proposal, premier and Second Division clubs would no longer be excused the first two rounds, but would start from scratch together with their poorer relations from the Third Division.

Thus each Third Division club right from the word "go" would stand the chance of "pulling out a plum".

Most of the football enthusiasts who are courageous enough to risk their money on the outcome of the Football Association Cup competition are betting on Manchester United repeating their victory of last year.

The Cup holders are quoted at 9 to 1 in the lists of odds offered by leading bookmakers, and at this price are said to be commanding plenty of support still.

Colossal Odds

At this stage of the competition last year, Manchester United were quoted at 9 to 1, with Blackpool favourites at one point less. Now Blackpool are at 10 to 1, while Portsmouth, who were on offer at these odds a year ago, are second favourites at 9 to 1 for the present competition.

The other prominent clubs, Derby County and Stoke City, are on offer at 11 to 1 and 14 to 1 respectively.

Bradford, who meet Manchester United on January 29, are offered at 400 to 1 to win the Cup. At the same stage last year, after they had beaten Arsenal, the odds against them were only one-tenth of this.

Last year, two non-League clubs, Colchester United and Gillingham, qualified for the fourth round of the Cup, and before their fourth round matches, odds of 4,000 to 1 and 5,000 to 1 respectively could be had about them.

This year, there is only one non-League club left in the competition and anyone wishing to bet that they will win the trophy can get 5,000 to 1 against them. Reuter.

GOLDEN DAHLIA, SHIEH UP, WINS HONG KONG DERBY



W. K. Shieh, who won the Hong Kong Derby on Golden Dahlia at the Valley yesterday.—"China Mail" Photo.

Golden Dahlia, ridden by Mr. W. K. Shieh, won the 1949 Hong Kong Derby yesterday, bringing the holder of Cash Sweep ticket No. 0216138 the first prize of HK\$765,669.

Egyptian Field came in second, giving the holder of ticket No. 0880501 the second prize of HK\$218,762.

The third prize of HK\$109,381 went to the buyer of ticket No. 0690786 which drew Bon Wyvis, the third pony.

On each of the remaining 133 tickets drawn on unplaced ponies and non-starters, the prize was HK\$5,442.

Golden Dahlia's win was a complete surprise to racing fans who had placed more than half their winning bets on Skymaster, the red hot favourite, regarded by many as a sure shot. Skymaster led at the start until the Footbal Stand when it bowed out and slowed down suddenly. From then on it was a hot contest among Highlight, Egyptian Field and Ben Wyvis.

The surprise came in the home stretch when Golden Dahlia, coming up from the outside, shot forward like an arrow. Passing its contestants one by one, it reached the winning post by a comfortable margin of two full lengths ahead of Egyptian Field.

The pari-mutuel paid on the Derby was HK\$50.80 for the winner, and HK\$10.20, HK\$15.70 and HK\$2.70 for places.

The remaining events, with the exception of the first eight and last, went to favourites.

The highest pari-mutuel dividend paid was HK\$420 for a win in the first race.

Photo Finish decided the first, second and third ponies in the

Selections For Today

(By "RAPIER")

Race No. 1
MY LOVE
FLORETTA
Outsider: The Alligator.

Race No. 2
TWO BID
GOOD SHIP
BLUE PETER
Outsider: Priority.

Race No. 3
ROWANLEN
EMPEROR DELIGHT
HIGH SPEED
Outsider: Unicorn.

Race No. 4
SKYMASTER
HIGHLIGHT
PAY-DAY
Outsider: World Peace.

Race No. 5
BIG SHOT
ANYWAY
ARGENTINE MOON
Outsider: Prince Delight.

Race No. 6
LIBERTY SHIP
V. I. P.
SPARKLING EYES
Outsider: Madame Butterfly.

Race No. 7
EYE WITNESS
MIDNIGHT EXPRESS
NATIONAL GUARD
Outsider: Trial Trip.

Race No. 8
AMARANT
POPULARITY
SPARKLING STAR
Outsider: Reputation.

Race No. 9
AME CLIPPER
JEEP BEAUTY
ARGUS
Outsider: Sidder.

Race No. 10
JUSTICE OF PEACE
AAN HING
FROSTY LIGHT
Outsider: Belle Fontaine.

first race, and the second and third ponies in the eighth race. In both cases the space separating them was only a head.

Riding honours were shared equally among Mr. W. K. Shieh, Mr. J. Pote Hunt and Mr. A. Ostromoff, each of whom secured two wins.

Following are the results:—

Southern Handicap

Race 1—For Australian Ponies Class 2. Winners of two or more races since January 1, 1949, barred. One mile.

1, Rose Emma; 2, Jap Lee; 3, Dominion Day; 4, Sookunpota. Won by a neck; the same.

Time: 1:45.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win \$40.20; Places \$9.70, \$5.00, \$11.30.

Withdrawal From Dinghy Team Race

(By "RUBBINGSTRAKE")

Owing to the continued absence of their ships from Hong Kong, the First Escort Flotilla and 8th Destroyer Flotilla have had to withdraw their teams from the dinghy team championship.

The reduction in the total number of races to be sailed will enable them all to take place on Sunday forenoons after those races held on Saturday, March 5.

The programmes for Saturday afternoons thus made available for other racing will be announced later. A revised programme of races is being posted in the club.

It has been decided that the Ladies' Races shall be held on the third instead of the fourth Saturday of each month starting next Saturday, January 22.

At least two, and on Saturdays three or four, dinghies will be reserved in future for cruising during the week-ends. They may be booked personally or by telephone with the boatmaster.

Having heard two protest cases, the Sailing Committee has directed that the 2nd Corinthian Series Dragon race and the Jardines v. Talkoo dinghy championship race, which took place on January 8 be resailed.

Except for the Cruiser race to which the Club has no organised racing, the Club over Chinese New Year, Club boats will, however, be available for cruising.

Fourteen entries have so far been received for this race which will be for the Rear-Commodore's Cup, to be won outright. In addition, there are Mugs for the "Maid" and "Navigator" of the winning boat.

The following are the results of the week-end's racing:—

SATURDAY

Dragon: 1st, La Linda (Childell), 2:42.2; 2nd, Estacy (Coote), 2:45.2; 3rd, Coppell (Hannock), 2:48.2.

Jubilee: 1st, Harmony (Reid), 1:55.02; 2nd, Strathpey (Mackenzie), 2:05.50.

Dinghy Team Races: International 12, Jardines B; Army 14, Talkoo 7.

SUNDAY

Dinghy Team Races: Inland Revenue 14, Lowe Bingham and Matthews 6; 5th Cruiser Squadron 10, Airways 7.

Stars (Spring Helmsmen's Series): 1st, Von Sydow (No. 1), 1:38.41; 2nd, Heeding (No. 5), 1:43.22; 3rd, Yourleff (No. 2), 1:43.64.

Dinghies (Spring Helmsmen's Series): 1st, Howell (No. 3), 2:03.07; 2nd, Robertshaw (No. 4), 2:08.39; 3rd, Mackay (No. 15), 2:06.41.

IT'S "RAPIER" AGAIN

Nineteen of "Rapiers" tips came through in yesterday's races, including Golden Dahlia and Ben Wyvis which came in first and third in the Derby.

HAVE YOU WON?

RACE 1
1st No. 1822 HK\$1,603
2nd " 2470 " 478
3rd " 667 " 237
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 237, 2008, 564, 2261, 1059, 174, 2059, 2282.

RACE 2
1st No. 1211 HK\$2,024
2nd " 1473 " 679
3rd " 1123 " 289
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 1782, 1071, 2805, 2802, 2700.

RACE 3
1st No. 3030 HK\$2,190
2nd " 2100 " 626
3rd " 2100 " 626
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 375, 590, 1889, 210, 2386.

RACE 4
1st No. 1609 HK\$2,581
2nd " 2212 " 718
3rd " 6078 " 369
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 609, 1227.

RACE 5
1st No. 1727 HK\$3,015
2nd " 178 " 1,033
3rd " 4408 " 616
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 1618, 2830, 1842.

RACE 6
1st No. 21618 HK\$765,669
2nd " 880601 " 218,762
3rd " 0690786 " 109,381

Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 2197, 10588, 141359, 3241, 142631, 164304, 852337, 168370, 6726, 8610, 133440, 458463, 1310731, 1413772, 246900, 84504, 1057309, 29749, 40817, 108161, 1277237, 1350405, 81234, 779353, 153104, 242734, 1328580, 827342, 794593, 113446, 1617767, 131675, 1685631, 1500440, 1469134, 825480, 349223, 145816, 932818, 321609, 268245, 387023, 268877, 1262401, 1425392, 1382846, 349687, 1209643, 1431354, 95620, 144388, 247106, 27909, 93907, 1136501, 1207854, 240084, 237377, 1231086, 144801, 833336, 379589, 23505, 854713, 1181784, 567702, 1686882, 168028, 1630168, 1400603, 767284, 200382, 608653, 330094, 24455, 156, 71268, 51922, 258302, 126054, 165344, 494357, 1240383, 1024545, 69388, 62367, 146003, 255735, 29728, 226267, 1043276, 1484411, 169396, 1848176, 164934, 1649442, 1149892, 908524, 1284885, 128034, 631052, 1517174, 806976, 373008, 1685284, 1043687, 1003374, 163918, 1123007, 959395, 96824, 1602891, 164169, 46075, 604927, 623519, 854191, 513373, 149498, 623519, 1396024, 462721, 290788, 491800, 1643842, 894040, 815880, 1379485, 855790, 874150, 1131726, 106364, 807308, 1227427.

RACE 7
1st No. 488 HK\$4,245
2nd " 3818 " 1,213
3rd " 5781 " 606
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 1698, 5796.

RACE 8
1st No. 2981 HK\$4,337
2nd " 2811 " 1,239
3rd " 6307 " 620
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 1435, 4560, 5074, 2129, 3091.

RACE 9
1st No. 4641 HK\$4,855
2nd " 4836 " 1,387
3rd " 6007 " 694
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 4502, 2764, 4820.

RACE 10
1st No. 3266 HK\$7,437
2nd " 2859 " 2,125
3rd " 2301 " 1,062
Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 2709, 1705, 9025, 1690, 957.

Chator Cup

Race 9—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Duchess Delight; 2, Fairy Feet; 3, Shun Lee; 4, Lucky Star.

Won by a length; two lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Pari-Mutuel Win \$7.70; Places \$5.10, \$5.10, \$5.10.

Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 2709, 1705, 9025, 1690, 957.

Wongnoichung Stakes

Race 10—(Fourth Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. One mile.

1, Lady Gloucester; 2, Popularity; 3, Empress Delight; 4, Amsterdams.

Won by three lengths; 1 1/2 lengths.

Time: 1:48.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win \$19.00; Places \$6.40, \$6.50, \$6.40.

Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 2709, 1705, 9025, 1690, 957.

Wongnoichung Stakes

Race 10—(Fifth Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. One mile.

1, Lady Gloucester; 2, Popularity; 3, Empress Delight; 4, Amsterdams.

Won by three lengths; 1 1/2 lengths.

Time: 1:48.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win \$19.00; Places \$6.40, \$6.50, \$6.40.

Unplaced Ponies (HK\$100 each)
Nos. 2709, 1705, 9025, 1690, 957.



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Undernourished, He Beat Jap

Tokyo, January 18.

Louis Zamperini, world-renowned long distance runner, told by affidavit how, as an undernourished prisoner of war of the Japanese, he was forced to run a race against the Japanese champion—and won.

Zamperini, 32, former Air Force bombardier from California, said he was nearly on a starvation diet of seaweed and barley at Ofuna camp when the match race was run. His account of the race was not presented before the Military Tribunal trying Admiral Soemu Toyada, but the remainder of his lengthy affidavit describing beatings and tortures was presented by the prosecution to prove Toyada's responsibility as camp commander.

Zamperini spent 47 days aboard a raft in 1943 when his B-24 crashed near the Marshall Islands. He and other survivors were picked up by a Japanese fishing smack—United Press.

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Prosecutions Planned

The Attorney-General's office is contemplating action against certain persons in connection with Wing On's West Point Godeown fire on September 22 last, the "China Mail" learned officially yesterday.

A Government spokesman said that investigation has been made and is proceeding with a view to prosecution. He added that decisions as to the matter were necessarily deferred, pending the deliberations of the Commission of Inquiry and the publication of its report.

AUSSIES THROW CHALLENGE

Melbourne, January 17.

The Council of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, tonight decided to challenge for the Davis Cup in the American Zone.

Billie Jean King, Geoffrey Brown, Frank Sedgman and George Worthington have signified they will be available for the 1949 Davis Cup. John Bromwich declared he will play if selected, providing he can travel by ship. —United Press.